ANNO.XXVI. HENRICI OCTAVI.

Actes made in the seſsion of

this preſent parlyament holden vpon prorogation at weſtminſter/the.III day of Nouembre, in the .XXVI. yere of the reigne of our moſt drad ſoueraigne lorde kynge HENRY the VIII, and there continued and kept til the.XVIII. daye of December nexte inſuing. To the honor of god/ & for the common weale and profyt of thys realme.

THOMAS BERTHELET REGIS IMPRESSOR EXCVDEBAT.

CVM PRIVILEGIO AD IMPRIMENDVM SOLVM.

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AL be it the kinges maiestie iustely and rightefully is and oweth to be the supreme head of the churche of Englande, and so is recognised by the clergie of this realme in their Conuocations, yet neuertheles for corroboration & confirmation therof, & for encrease of vertue in Christis religion within this realme of Englande, & to represse and extirpe al errours heresies & other enormities and abuses heretofore vsed in the same: Be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parlament, that the kinge our soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours, kinges of this realme, shall be taken accepted & reputed the onely supreme head in erthe of the churche of Englande, called *Anglicana Ecclesia*, And shall haue & enioy annexed and vnited to the imperial crowne of this realme, as well the tytle & stile therof, as al honours, dignities, preeminences, iurisdictions, priuileges, auctorities, immunities, profites, & commodities to the said dignitie of supreme head of the same churche belonging & appertayninge. And that our said soueraigne lorde his heires & successours kinges of this realme, shall haue ful power and auctoritie from time to time to visite represse redresse reforme order correcte restraine and amende al suche errours, heresies, abuses, offences, contemptis, and enormities, what so euer they be, whichby any maner spirituall auctoritie or iurisdiction ought or maye lawfully be reformed, repressed, ordered, redressed, corrected, restrayned or amended, most to the pleasure of almighty god, the encrese of vertue in Christis religion, & for the conseruation of the peace vnitie & tranquillitie of this realme, any vsage, custom, forein lawes, forein auctoritie, prescription, or any other thing or thinges to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Supreme head of the churche of Englande.

Errours.

Heresies.

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WHere at the last session of this present parliament, in the act than made for the establishement of the succession of the heires of the kinges highnes in the imperal crowne of this realme, It is conteined amonges other thinges, that al and singuler the kinges subiectes, as well the nobles spirituall and temporall, as other, shoulde make and take a corporall othe, whan so euer it shulde please the kinges maiestie, or his heires, to appoynt, that they shulde truely, frendly, and constantely without fraude or

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gyle obserue fulfyl mainteine defende and kepe to their counning wyt and vttermoſt of theyr powers, the hole effectes & contentes of ꝑ ſaide act, as in the ſame act amonges other thinges moze plainely appereth. And at ꝑ day of the laſt pzozogation of this pzeſent parliament, as well the nobles ſpirituall & tempozall, as other the cõmons of this pzeſent parliament than aſſembled in the high houſe of the parliament, moſt louingly accepted & tooke ſuch othe as then was deuiſed in wzyting foz maintenance & defence of the ſaid act, and ment and entended at that time, that euerye other the kinges ſubiectes ſhuld be bounde to accept and take the ſame, vpon ꝑ peines conteined in the ſaide acte. The tenour of whiche othe hereafter enſueth.

¶ Ye ſhall ſweare to beare fayth, truthe, and obedience al onely to the kinges maieſtie, & to his heires of his body of his moſt dere and entierly beloued lauful wife Quene Anne begotten & to be begotte. And further to ꝑ heires of our ſaid ſouereigne lozde, accozding to the limittation in the ſtatute made foz ſuretie of his ſucceſſiõ in the crowne of this realme mencioned and conteined, and not to any other within this realme, noz foreine auctozitie oz potentate. And in caſe any othe be made oz hath be made by you to any perſonne oz perſonnes, that then ye to repute the ſame as vayne and adnichilate. And that to your counninge, wytte, and vttermooſte of your power, without gyle fraude oz other vndewe meane, ye ſhall obſerue kepe mayntayne and defende the ſaid acte of ſucceſſion, and all the hole effectes and contentes therof, and al other actes and ſtatutes made in confirmatiõ oz foz execution of the ſame, oz of any thinge therin conteyned. And this ye ſhall do agaynſte all maner of perſones, of what eſtate dignitie degree oz condicion ſo euer they be. And in no wiſe do oz attempte, noz to your power ſuffre to be done oz attempted dyzectely oz indirectly any thinge oz thinges pziuely oz appertely, to the lette, hynderaunce, domage, oz derogation therof, oz of any parte of the ſame, by any maner of meanes, oz foz any maner of pzetence, ſo helpe you god, all ſayntes, and the holy Euangeliſtes.

¶ And foz as moch as it is conuenient foz the ſure mayntenaunce and defence of the ſame acte, that the ſayde othe ſhulde not onely be auctoꝛiſed by auctoꝛitie of parliamẽt, but alſo be interpzet & expoundes by the hole aſſent of this pzeſent parliamente, that it was mente and entended by the kinges maieſtie, the lozdes & cõmons of the parliament, at the ſaid day of the ſaid laſt pzozogation, that euery ſubiect ſhuld be bounden to take the ſame othe accozdinge to the tenour and effecte therof, vpon the peines and penalties conteined in the ſaid acte: Therfoze be it enacted by auctoꝛitie of this pzeſent parliament, that the ſaid othe aboue reherſed, ſhalbe interpzete expouned reputed accepted, & adiuged the very othe, that the kinges highnes, the lozdes ſpiritual & tempozal, and the cõmons of this pzeſẽt parliament ment & intended, that euery ſubiecte of this realme ſhuld be obliged, and bounden to take and accept foz maintenance and defence of the ſame acte, vpon the peynes conteyned in the ſaide acte. And that euery of the kinges ſubiectes, vpon the ſaide peynes ſhall be obliged to accepte and take the ſaide othe.

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¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the cõmissioners that hereafter shall be appoynted to receyue suche othe of the kinges subiectes, or two of them at the lest, shall haue power and auctoritie to certifye vnd the kinges benche by writynge, vnder their seales, euery refusell that hereafter shalbe made afore them of the same othe by any person or persõs commynge afore them, to take the same othe. And that euery suche certificat to be made by suche commissioners, as is aforesayde, shall be taken as strange and as auayleable in the lawe, as an inditement of .xii. men lawfully founden of the saide refusell. So that the person and parsons, agaynste whome any such certificate shalbe made, shalbe compelled to answere thervnto, as if they were indited. And that suche processe, iugement, execution, & euery other thinge shalbe had, vsed, & mynystred of and vpon euery suche certificat againste the offendours, as if they had ben lawfully indited of such offences by the due course and order of the cõmun lawes of this realme.

An act concerning the payment of firste fruites of all dygnities, benefices, and promotions spirituall, and also concerning one annuel pension of the .x. parte of al the possessions of the churche spirituall & temporal, graũted to the kinges highnes and his heires. ca. iii.

FOr as moch as it is and of very duetie ought to be the naturall inclination of all good people, lyke moste faythefull louynge and obediente subiectes, sincerely and wyllyngely to desyre to prouyde, not onely for the publyke weale of their natyue countrey, but also for the supportation mayntenaunce and defence of the royall astate of theyr most dread benigne and gratious souerain lord, vpon whom and in whom dependith al their ioye and welthe: in whom also is vnited and knytte so princely a harte and courage, myxed with mercy wysedome and iustice, And also a naturall affection ioyned to the same, as by the great inestimable and benevolent argumentes therof beinge moste bountifully largely and many tymes shewed, ministred, and appeared towardes his louinge and obedient subiectes, hath well appered: whiche requireth a lyke correspondence of gratitude to be considered, accordynge to their most bounden duetie. Wherfore his said humble and obedient subiectes, as well the lordes spirituall and temporall, as the commens in this present parliament assembled, callinge to theyr remembrance, not onely the manyfolde and innumerable benefites, dayely administred by his bryghtnes to them all, and to the residue of all other his subiectes of this realme: But also howe long time his maiestie hath most victoriously, by his highe wisedome and polycie, prosecuted, defended, and gouerned this his realme, & mayntened his people and subiectes of the same in tranquillitie peace vnitie quietnes and welth. And also considerynge what great excessiue and inestimable charges his highnes hath hertofore bene at and susteined by the space of fiue and twenty hole yeres, and also dayly susteyneth for the maintenaunce

tenance tuition and defence of this his realme, and his louing subiectes of the same, which can not be susteyned and borne without some honourable prouision & remedy may be made founde prouided and ordeyned for maintenāce therof: Do therfore desyre and most humbly pray, that for the more surtie of continuance & augmentation of his highnes royall estate, being not onely nowe recognised (as he alwayes in dede heretofore hath ben) the only supreme head in erth nexte and immediately vnder god of the churche of Englande, but also they? moste assured and vndouted natural souereine liege lorde and kynge, hauynge the hole gouernaunce tuition defence and mayntenaunce of this his realme and moste louynge obedient subiectes of the same. It may therfore be ordeyned and enacted by his highnes and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, in maner and forme folowynge.

¶ That is to saye, that the kynges highnes, his heyres and successours kinges of this Realme, shall haue and enioye from tyme to tyme to endure for euer, of euery suche persone and persones, whiche at any tyme after the fyrste daye of January nexte comynge shall be nominated elected prefected presented collated or by any other meanes appoynted to haue any Archebysshopriche, Bysshopriche, Abbacye, Monastary, Priorie, college, Hospitall, Archedeconry, Deanry, Prouosshippe, Prebende, Parsonage, vicarage, Chauntrie, Frechapell, or other dignitie benefice office or promotion spirituall within this realme, or elles where within any of the kynges dominions, of what name nature or qualitie so euer they be, or to whose foundation patronage or gyfte so euer they belonge, the first fruites, reuenewes and profites for one yere of euery suche archebysshoppriche bysshoppriche abbacy monasterie priorie college hospytall, archedeconry, deantye, prouesshyp, prebende personage vicarage chaunterie frechappell, or other dignitie benefice office or promotiō spirituall afore named, whervnto any suche person or persones shall after the saide first daye of Januarie be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed. And that euery suche person and persones before any actuall or realle possession, or medlynge with the profites of any suche archebyshoppriche, bysshopriche, abbacy monasterie college hospitall deantrie prouesshyp prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, frechapell, priory, or other dignitie benefice office or promotion spirituall shall satisfie content and paye, or compounde or agree to pay to the kynges vse at reasonable days, vpon good surties the sayde fyrste fruites and profites for one yere.

First fruites.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the Chauncellour of Englande and mayster of the Rolles for the tyme beinge, iointelye and seuerally, or suche other persone and persones, as shall please the kynges highnes, his heires or successours from tyme to tyme, at his or they? pleasure, to name and depute by commission or commissions vnder the greate seale, shall haue power and auctorite as well to examyne and serche for the iuste and true value of the saide fyrst fruites and profites by al wayes and

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meanes that they can as to compounde and agree for the rate of the saide first fruites and profites, as to shall and limitte reasonable dayes for payment therof vpon good and sufficient surete or sureties, by writinges obligatorie by their discretions. And if cõposition or agrement be had or made for the said first fruites before the said lord Chauncellour or maister of the Rolles, that than the writinges obligatorie or money taken for the same, shall rest remayne and abide in the hanaper of the kinges chauncerie, there saufely to be kepte to the kinges vse, and the money to be due of such writinges obligatorie, or to be receyued in hande by reason of any suche composition, shall be payd in the said hanaper, to the clerke of the hanaper for the time beinge. And that the saide clerke of the hanaper shall make a true and a iust accompt therof lyke as he is bounde to do of the money receyued of the profites of the kinges great seale. And if composition or agrement be had or made for the saide first fruites, afore any other person or persons to be deputed by the kinges highnes, his heires or successours by commission vnder his great seale, that then the writinges obligatorie and money taken for the same, shall be deliuered to the treasourer of the kynges most honourable chaumber for the time beynge, or elles where, to whom it shall please the kinges highnes his heires or successours to giue auctoritie by commission vnder the great seale, to receyue the same.

Hanaper.

Clerke of the hanaper.

Treasourer of the kinges chaumber.

¶ And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctorittie aforesaide, that euery wryting of acquitaunce subscribed with the hande and name of the clerke of the hanaper, and treasourer of the chamber or other cõmissioners afore sayde, or any of them, wytnessing the receipte of the sayd first fruites or any parte therof, shall be as good and effectuall agaynste the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, to euery person and persons, haupnge the same, for so moch money as shall be mentioned to be receyued and conteyned in euery such acquitaunce, as if such acquitaunce were or had ben lawefully had and opteyned in the kynges name vnder the kinges great seale, and so shall be admitted accepted and allowed and taken in euery of the kynges courtes. And that all writinges obligatory to be taken for payment of the saide first fruites by and afore the said lord Chauncellour or maister of the Rolles, or by and afore any other person or persons to be deputed to compounde and agree for the saide firste fruites, as is aforesaide, shall be of the same strength force vertue qualitie and effecte to all intentes and purposes as wrytinges obligatorie there afore made by any lay person by auctorittie of the statute of the Staple, ben. And that vpon Certyficate hereafter to be made in to the kynges chauncerye of any suche writinges obligatorie to be taken for payment of suche firste fruites, like processe and execution shall be therupon made and had against any person spirituall or temporall, as hath ben accustomed to be made agaynst any lay person vpon certificat of writinges obligatorie of the said statute of the Staple. And that no person shalbe compelled to pay for any writing obligatorie to be made for the said payment of the saide firste fruites above. viii. ℔. nor for any acquitaunce

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to be made for receipte of suche firste fruites aboue .iiii.li. And that suche person and persons as shalbe deputed by the kinges highnes by commyssion vnder the great seale, to compounde and agree for the said first fruites, shall at the ende of euery .vi. monethes next after the date of their cõmission and so from .vi. monethes to .vi. monethes, deliuer or cause to be delyuered vnto the treasourer of the chambre, for the time being, or els where, to such commissioners as shall be appoynted, as is aforesaid, to receiue the same, as well all suche money as all suche specialties and bondes, as they shall haue taken for the paiment of the said first fruites by indenture to be made betwene them and the said treasourer, or other commissioners, as is afore said, contepnynge the certaintie and nombre of the sommes of money, and specialties and bondes by them taken and receiued. And yf any person or persons, to whom any deputation shall be made by cõmission, to compound and agree for the payment of the saide fyrste fruites, they? heyres, executours, or administratours concele and imbecil any of the said specialties or bondes taken for the sure payment of the said first fruites, and do not deliuer them accordynge to the tenour of this acte, that then euery suche offendour shall forfaite that office of deputation, and ouer that make fyne and raunsome at the kynges owne pleasure and wyll.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or psons which as any time after the saide firste day of Januarye, shall be nominated, elected prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted to any of the dignities, offices, benefices, or other promotions spirituall before mentioned, do entree into the actuall and reall possessions therof, or meddell with the profittes therof, before they shal haue truely satisfied and payde to the kinges vse the first fruites and profites therof for one yere, or els shal haue agreed or compounded for payment of the same at reasonable dayes vpon good sureties, in maner and fourme as by this acte is aboue especified: that than euery such person and persones, so doing and offendynge, and beynge therof conuicte by presentment, verdite, confession, or wytnes before the saide lorde Chauncellour, or suche other as shall haue auctoritie by cõmission to compounde for the said first fruites and profites as is aforesaide, shalbe accepted and taken an entrewder vpon the kynges possession. And that they their executours or administratours shall paye to the vse of the kinges highnes for euery suche offence, so muche summes of money, as shall amounte to the double value of the saide firste fruites and profites of such dignities benefices or other spirituall promotions, wherin they shall so entre and entrewde before the payment of the said first fruites and profites for one yere therof, or before due agrement made for the same, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehersed.

Intrusion.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie afore saide, that the firste fruites of benefices heretofore accustomed to be payde to the bisshop of Norwiche within his dioces, and to the archedeacon of Richemunde within his archedeanry, or to any other persone or persons within this realme, or any other

Bisshoppe of Norwyche.

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the kinges dominions, shall from the said first day of January cesse and be extinct, and no lenger be payde, but onely to the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, in suche fourme, as is aboue mentioned in this acte.

¶ Prouyded alwayes that archebisshoppes and bisshoppes, and all other haynge iurisdiction ordinary, may giue and deliuer letters of institution and induction, as they might do before the makinge of this acte, wythoute any offence of any article conteyned in this acte: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof notwithstandinge. Letters of Institution.

¶ Prouided also, that where there be diuers celles appertayninge to monasteries and priories, and that the priours of such celles be named and removable from time to time at the only willes & pleasures of their maisters & soueraynes of the monasteries & priories, wherunto such celles belonge, that the priours of such celles, shall not be cõpelled to pay any first fruites, by vertue or auctoritie of this acte: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof notwithstanding: but that the first fruites and profites of euery such cell shalbe payd to the kinges highnes, his heires & successours whan so euer & as often as any person shalbe nominated elected prefected or collated to the monasterie or priorie, wherunto such celles belongen. Celles.

¶ And ouer this be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the kinges maiestie his heires and successours kynges of this realme, for more augmentation and mayntenaunce of the royall estate of his imperiall crowne and dignitie of supreme head of the church of Englande, shall verely haue take and enioye and receyue vnited and knitte to his imperiall crowne for euer one verely rent or pension, amountynge to the value of the tenthe parte of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tythes offerynges, emolumentes, and of all other profites, as well called spirituall as tremporall, nowe appertaynynge or belonginge, or that hereafter shall belonge to any archebisshoprich, bisshoprich abbacie, monasterie, priorie, archedeaconry, deaconrye, hospitall, college, house collegiate, prebende, cathedrall churche, collegiate church, conuentuall churche, personage, vycarage, chauntrie, free chapell, or other benefice or promotion spirituall, of what name, nature, or qualitie so euer they be, within any dioces of this realme or in Wales, the sayd pension or annuell rent, to be verely payde for euer to our sayde souerayne lorde to his heires and successours kynges of this realme, at the feast of the Natiuitie of our lorde god, and the first payment therof to begyn at the feaste of the Natiuitie of oure lorde god, whiche shall be in the yere of oure lorde god, M.D.xxv. And to be payde verely by suche as shall be appoynted to haue the collection therof by this acte, in such maner & fourme as shall hereaftes be limitted by this acte, before the first daye of Aprill verely next folowing after the saide feaste of the Natiuitie of our lorde. Pensions, Tenthe.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie afore saide, that the sayde verely rent and pension shall be taxed rated leuied perceyued and payd to the kynges vse, his heires and successours, in maner and fourme hereafter to be declared by this acte, That is to saye, that the Chauncellour of Englande

lande for the time beynge, shall haue power and auctorite to directe in to euery dioces in this realme and in wales, seuerall cõmissions in the kinges name vnder his great seale, as well to the archbisshoppe or bisshop of euery such dioces, as to such other persone or personnes, as the kynges highnes shall name and appoynt, cõmaundinge and auctorysynge the said commissioners for to be named in euery such cõmission, or thre of thẽ at the least, to cramyne serche and enquire by all the wayes and meanes that they can by their discretions, of and for the true and iuste, hole and entier perely values of all the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes rentes tithes offeryinges emolumentes and all other profites, as well spirituall as temporal, apperteynynge or belonginge to any archebyshoprych byshoprych abbacie monasterie prioric archdeaconry deanry hospitall college house collegiat prebende cathedrall churche collegiate churche conuentuall churche, personage, vycarage, chauntrie, free chapell, or to any other benefice or promotion spirituall within the limittes of their cõmission, with a clause to be conteined in euery such cõmission, that the said cõmissioners, or thre of thẽ at the leaste, shall deducte and alowe in the makynge and ratyng of the said perely values of the premisses, these deductions folowinge and none other: That is to say, the rentes resolute to the chiefe lordes, and all other annuell and perpetuall rentes and charges, which any spirituall person or persones ben bounden perely to pay to any person or persones, to their heires or successours for euer, or to gyue perely in almes by reason of any foundation or ordynaunce, and all fees for stewardes receiuers bailliffes and auditours and synodes and priories, with an other clause to be also conteyned in euery such commission, that the said commissioners, or thre of them at the least, shall certifie vnder their seales at suche dayes as shall be limitted by the said cõmissions, as well the hole and entiere value, as the deductions afore said of euery archebisshoprich bisshoprich abbacie monasterie prioric archedeconry deanry hospitall college house collegiate prebend cathedral church collegiate churche conuentuall churche personage vycarage chauntry free chapell, and of all other benefices and promotions spirituall.

¶ And it is ordeyned & enacted by auctorite afore said, that the sayd commissioners, that shall be so appoynted, or thre of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctorite to do, accomplysshe, and execute the effectes and contentes of their said cõmissions in euery behalfe: And that euery the said commissioners, before they shall execute their saide commission, shal receiue and take a corporall othe before the lord Chauncellour, or before such other as shall be appoynted by the saide Chauncellour, by the kinges writte of *Dedimus potestatem*, that they shall diligently & truely without fauour affection fraude couyn mede drede or corruption, do fulfyl & execute the hole effectes and contentes expressed in euery such cõmission within the lymittes therof, to their cunnynge wittes and vttermost of their powers.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite afore saide, that after suche certificate made by the saide commissioners, the sayde perely rent and pen-

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tion of the tenthe parte shall be sette tared rated and taken iustly and truely and indifferently by the Treasorer, Chauncellour, Chamberlayne, and Barons of the kynges Eschequire, of and out of the clere yerely value of the premisses, that shall be aboue the deductions afore mencioned, and none otherwise. And that euery archebyshoprich, byshoprich, abbaye, monasterie, priorie, archedeaconrie, deanrie, hospitall, college, house collegiate, prebende, cathedrall churche, collegiate churche, conuentuall churche, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, free chapell, or other benefice or promotion spirituall, shalbe seuerally and distinctly tared charged and chargeable in the propre dioces where they bene, for the payment of suche portion of the sayde tenthe parte, as shall be tared and sette vpon them by auctoritie of this act. That is to saye, euery of them by and for them selfes, shall be tared, charged, and chargeable in the propre dioces, where they ben, for the tenthe part of the yerely value of theyr possessions and profites to them belonginge, where so euer theyr sayd possessions or profites shall happen to be or lye in any parte of this realme, or els where, in any the kynges dominions, and that none of them shall be charged or chargeable for the payment of the others charge or portion.

And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that after suche certificate made into the kynges Eschequire, and tare sette of the tenthe parte, in forme aboue remembred, euery archebyshop and byshop nowe beinge, and that hereafter shall be charged and chargeable, to leuy, collecte, and receiue within theyr propre dioces, as well in places exempte, as not exempte, all suche summes of money, wherwith the dignities, benefices, and other promotions spirituall afore mencioned within theyr dioces, chargeable by this acte, shall be sette tared and charged towardes the payment of the sayde yerely pension, and shall pay and content the sayde summes of money yerely before the sayd fyrst daye of Aprill, to the Treasorer of the kynges chambre for the tyme beinge, or to any other person or persons, whom it shall please the kynges highnes to appoint to receyue the same. And that euery of the sayd archebyshops and byshops, theyr executours and administratours, and the possessions of their dignities and churches, shal stande charged and chargeable for the sure and true paiment of suche summes of money as they shall collecte and receyue of the sayde yerely rent and pension. Archebyshop and byshop.

And that the Treasorer, Chauncellour, Chamberlayne, & Barons of the kynges eschequire, shall yerely cause proces to be made by theyr discretions for none payment of the sayde pension or yerely rent, or any parcell therof, agaynst euery archebishop and bishop of this realme, that is to say, against euery archebishop and byshop for so moche parte and portion of the sayde pension and yerely rent, wherwith the dignities benefices and other promotions spirituall afore mencioned within his dioces, shall be tared and charged, so that euery of the sayd archebyshops and byshops shall be charged & chargeable for the rate and portion of the sayd yerely rent and pension, sette and tared within his owne peculiar dioces, and none otherwise.

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¶ AND be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that euery archebyshop and byshop, shal haue power and auctoritie to leuye take and perceyue by auctorite of censures of the church, or by dystresse, or otherwise by their discretion, all suche summes of money as shall be rated taxed and set to go out of the landes tenementes hereditamentes profytes and emolumētes of any dignitie office benefice or other place or promotion spirituall within theyr diocēs, towardes the payment of the sayd yerely rent and pension, and that no repleuin prohibition nor Supersedeas vpon any excommunication, nor any other wrytte or impediment shall be sued allowed or obeied for any person or persons, making default of paiment of such part and portion, as they shalbe rated and taxed vnto by auctoritie of this acte, tyll suche time as they haue truely satisfied their sayde parte and portion to them allotted of the sayde yerely rent and pension.

¶ AND it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that when so euer and as often as any of the archebyshoprices or byshoprices happen to be voyde, that then the deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churche, or the priour and conuent, or chappter, or conuent of the monastery or cathedrall churche, where the See of suche archebishoprice or byshoprice, being voide, shall happen to be, duryng the tyme of the vacation therof, and their executours administratours and possessions shall be charged and chargeable to do and cause to be done all and euery thynge and thynges for the due executions of this acte, within the dioces of suche archebishoprice or bishoprice beinge voyde, as the same archebyshop or byshop of the See beynge voyde, shulde haue done, according as it is limitted and appointed by this act or by any thyng therin conteyned.

¶ AND it is ordeined & enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if any summe of money beinge ones due by any incumbent of any of the dignities benefices or promotions spirituall afore especified, charged to the payment of the saide yerely penston and annuell rent, be reasonably demaunded and required any tyme after the sayde feast of the Natiuitie of our lorde, at theyr dignities, monasteries, priories, hospitals, colleges, churches, chanteries, or houses by the archebyshop or bishop, or suche as shalbe charged with the collection of any parte of the sayd penston, or by any other their mynysters seruauntes or officers, to paye suche portion of the sayde penston and yerely rent, as they shalbe taxed and assessed, be not truely content and payde vnto suche archebyshop or byshop, or their ministers and officers, or to suche other person or persons, or theyr ministers, or seruauntes, as shall haue the charge of collection therof, euery yere yerely at the tyme of suche request & demaunde therof, or els within forty dayes nexte after euery suche requeste at the furtheste, that then euery incumbent, makynge suche defaulte of payment, after suche defaulte therof certified into the kynges eschequire in wrytynge vnder the seales of any archebishop or byshop, or of suche as be limitted & charged to the collection of the sayd penston by this act, shalbe adiudged deprined Ipso facto, of all such dignities benefices pensions and promotions

cions ſpiritual, as any ſuch incumbent makinge ſuch defaulte, ſhall haue at the tyme of ſuch certificate to be made, or at any tyme after. So that all ſuch dignities benefyces penſyon and promocions ſpirituall, whiche any incumbente makynge ſuche defaulte of payemente, ſhall haue at the tyme of any ſuch Certificate to be made, or at any time after, ſhalbe clerely voide & deſtitute of incumbent in the lawe to al intentes and purpoſes, as if ſuch incumbent makinge ſuche defaulte of payment were deade in dede. Certificate

And it is ordeyned and enacted, by auctorite aforeſaide, that if any archebyſſhoppe or byſſhop, or any other lymitted and charged by this acte to the collection and payemente of the ſaide penſion and annuelle rente, doo make a Certificate in to the kinges eſchequire, before the ſayde fyrſte daye of Apryll, or at any tyme within foure and twenty dayes next after the ſaid fyrſte daye of Apryll, that they accordinge to this act, haue reaſonably required and demaunded any incumbente of any dignitie benefice or promocion ſpirituall, chargeable by this acte to paye ſuche parte and portyon of the ſayd penſyon and annuell rente, as they ſhall happen to be aſſeſſed vnto, and that ſuche incumbente, ſo beinge required, hath not payde his ſaide parte and portion, accordynge to the fourme and effecte of this acte, that then euery ſuche archebyſſhoppe and byſſhoppe and euery other perſonne, haynge the charge by this act for collection and payment of the ſaid penſyon and annuell rente, vpon euery ſuche Certifycate, ſhall be diſcharged and acquited for euer againſt the kinge, his heyres, and ſucceſſours, of and for all ſuche ſommes of moneye, as any ſuche incumbente, againſte whom ſuch Certificate ſhall be made, ſhulde or ought to haue payde by this act: And that thenne in euery ſuche caſe the Treaſorer Chauncellour Chamberlayne and Barons of the kinges Eſchequire, ſhall deuyſe and dyrecte vpon euerye ſuche Certificate, ſuche proceſſe out of the kinges Eſchequire againſte euery ſuche incumbente, againſte whome any ſuche Certifycate ſhall be made and theyr executours and admynyſtratours, or for inſufficyencye of theym, againſte the ſucceſſours of euery ſuche incumbente, wherby the kinges hyghnes, his heyres and ſucceſſours ſhall and maye be truely aunſwered payde and contented of ſuche portyon and parte as the incumbente, againſte whome any ſuche Certyficate ſhall be made, was taxed and aſſeſſed for his dignities benefices or promotions ſpiritual, chargeable by this acte.

And it is alſo ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforeſayde, that all maner of acquitaunces made by the treaſourer of the kinges chaumbre, or by any other ſuche commyſſioners, as ſhall be appoynted, as is aforeſaid, to receyue the ſaide penſyon, or any parte therof, and ſubſcrybed with the name of the ſayde Treaſorer or any other ſuche commiſſioner for the payemente of the ſaide penſion or annuell rente, or any parte therof, to any ſuche perſonne or perſonnes as be lympted and charged with the collection therof, ſhall be of as good ſtrenghe force vertue and effecte to the parties, hauing the ſame, as if they were made in the kinges name vnder his great Acquitaunces

seale, & so shall be alowed, admitted, & accepted in al courtes of this realme: And that the treasorer, chancellour, chamberlayne, and barons of the kynges Escheker, shall by vertue and auctoritie of this acte, as well admit and allowe suche acquitances, as al such Certificates as shall be made against any incumbent for defaute of paymente, as is aboue sayde, vppon the accompte of euery archebysshop and byshop, and of euery other person limitted and charged by this acte, for the collectyon and payemente of the saide pension and annuell rente, without any writte byl or warrante to be sued in or for that behalfe. And that no maner of offycer of the kynges Eschequire shall take of any archebysshop or byshop, or of any other person, hauynge charge with the collection and payemente of the said pension or annuel rent, any maner rewarde or thing for making theyr accompt or Quietus est in the same eschequire, or for any maner of thinge apperteynynge to the same, concernynge the saide pensyon and annuell rente, vppon peyne of euery officer doinge contrary to this act, to lose and forfayte his office, and make fine to the kynge at his wyll and pleasure.

Officer of eschequire.

¶ And for as moche as euerye incumbent of the dygnities benefyces and promotions spirituall afore mencioned, shall be charged by this acte to the payement of the .x. parte of the value of theyr dygnities benefices and promotions spirituall, withoute any deduction or allowance of suche pensyon or pensions, wherewith some of them bē charged to paye to theyr predecessours, durynge theyr lyues, or to other personnes to the vse of suche theyr predecessours durynge theyr lyues, it is therfore ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie afore sayde, that hit shal be laufull to euery incumbente, charged with any such pensyon, payeable to any his predecessours, or to and to his vse, to reteyne and kepe in his hande the tenthe parte of euerye suche pensyon: And that euery suche incumbente and his suertyes, shall from henseforthe be acquyted and dyscharged of the sayde tenthe parte of euery suche pensyon, by vertue and auctoritie of this present act, any decree ordenance or assygnemente of any suche ordynarye, or any collateralle writinge or suertye made for suche pensyon to any spirytuall personne or personnes, or to any to theyr vses for terme of theyr lyues, in any wyse not withstandinge. And that as well euery incumbent as such persones as stande bounden for hym, for payement of any suche pensyons, shall pleade this acte in euery of the kinges courtes, for the clere extynguishmente and discharge of the .x. parte of euery such pensyon.

Incumbent.

¶ AND BE IT ALSO ORDEYNED AND enacted by auctoritie afore saide, that noo pension shall hereafter be assygned by the ordynarye, or by any other maner of agremente by collaterall suretie, or other wise, vpon any resignation of any dignitie benefice or promotion spirituall, aboue the value of the thyrde parte of the dignitie, benefice, or promotion spiritualle resigned: And if any pension, amountynge aboue the valewe of ꝑ thyrde parte of the dignitie benefice or promotion spirituall heretofore resygned, be all redy limitted and made sure to any spirituall person or per-

Resygnatyō.

or personnes, by decree of the ordinarie, or other wyse by any collaterall suertie, or here after shal happen to be assigned and made sure to any persone or personnes spirituall, or to any other to theyr vse, by decree of the ordinarye, or by any other collaterall surety, vpon any resygnation therof, yet neuer the lesse the incumbent charged with such pension, nor his suretyes collaterall, shall not be compelled to paye any more pension than the value of the thyrde parte of his dygnitie benefyce or promotion spirytuall, so resygned shall mounte vnto: but shall, by auctorytie of this act, be clerely acquited and discharged of so moche of the said pension, as shal amounte above the value of the thyrde parte of the dignitie or benefyce resygned: any decree or assygnemente of the ordinarye, or any collaterall writinges or sureties heretofore made or hereafter to be had or made for the same, to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

And for as moche as diuers abbottes & priours ben charged to pay grete pensions to sondry their predecessours yet liuing, to ye grete decay of their hospitalities and house keppynge: Be it enacted by auctorytie aforesayde, that euerye such predecessour of such abbottes, or priours, haunynge any pension made sure vnto them, or to any to theyr vse duryng theyr lyues, amountinge aboue the yerely value of .xl.li. shall from henceforth be defalked and abated of the moyte and halfe deale of euery such pension. And that euery abbote and all other persons charged for the paymente of suche pension aboue the said yerely value of .xl.li. shal be clerely acquited and discharged by auctorytie of this acte of the moytie and halfedele therof for euer. Any decree or assignemente therof by the ordinarie, or any writing or surety collaterall had or made for the suretie therof notwithstandinge.

And for as moche as the lorde priour of saynete Johns of Jherusalem in England and his bretherne be not specially named and expressed in this acte, wherby ambyguitie mought aryse, whether they shulde be comprysed within the limittes of this acte. It is therfore for playne declaration therof enacted by auctorytie aforesaide, that euery persone and persones, whiche after the said fyrst daye of January, shall happen to be nominated, elected, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted to the dignitie of the saide priory of saincte Johns of Jherusalem in Englande, or to any cõmaundry appertenynge vnto the same, shall before they actuall and real entre into the same dignitie or commaundry, or medlynge with the profyttes therof, satysfie, & paye to the vse of the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, the fyrste fruites and profites therof for one hole yere, or agree or compounde for the same at reasonable dayes, in lyke maner and forme, and vppon like peyne in euery behalfe, as archebyshopps and byshoppes, and other spirytuall persons ben bounde to, by vertue and auctorytie of this act. And that also the priour of saint Johns nowe beynge, and his successours, and euery of his bretherne, haunynge any commaundry, and their successours, shall contribute, and paye yerely to the kinges highnes, his heyres and successours, one yerely rente and pension amounting to the tenth part of al their

possessions and profytes as well spirituall as temporall: And shall be charged, rated, tared, and set to the contribution and paiment of the said tenthe parte. And that also the saide tenthe parte shall be leuyed, collected, & payde in suche lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the tenth parte of other dignities and benefices spirituall shall be charged, tared, set, leuyed, collected, and payed by auctoritie of this acte.

¶ And for as moche as in sondry and many cathedrall churches, colleges, and hospitalles of this realme, there is and tyme out of mynde hathe ben certayne ordynaunces instituted and made, wherby the Deane, Prouoste, maister or other chiefe gouernour of such churches, colleges, and hospitalles hathe a certayne parte and portion of the possessyons and profytes belongynge to suche churches, colleges and, hospitalles, all onely lymitted and belongynge to theyr offices and dygnities: And euery prebendarye, brother, vycare, felowe, petie canon, and other ministers spirituall in suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles hathe an other portion all onely and distinctly lymitted, appertaynynge and belongynge to theyr dignitites and offices in suche churches, hospitalles, and colleges: It is therfore prouyded and ordeyned by auctoritie afore saide, that suche person and persons, whiche at any tyme after the sayde fyrste daye of Januarye shall be nominated, elected, presented, prefected, collated, or by other meanes appoynted to be Deane, Prouoste, maister, or other chiefe gouernour of suche cathedrall churches, colleges, or hospitalles, shall be rated compounde and paye for theyr fyrste fruites but onely after the rate of the yerely valewe of the possessions and profytes, lymitted and belongynge to theyr office and dignitie. And that euery other person and persons, that after the saide fyrste daye of Januarye shall be nominated, elected, presented, prefected collated, or by any other meanes appoynted to haue any prebende, brothershyp, felowshyp, or to be any vycare or petie canon, or to haue any other dygnytie or offyce spirituall in any suche cathedrall churches, colleges, or hospitalles, shall be rated compounde and paye for theyr fyrst fruites after the rate of the yerely valewe of the possessions and profytes lymytted and belongynge to theyr dignities and offices in suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles, and none otherwyse. Any thynge in this acte to the contrary hereof in any wyse not withstandynge.

Deane. Prouoste. Prebende.

¶ PROVIDED alwayes, that suche person or persones, that after the sayde fyrste daye of Januarye shall be presented and collated to any personage or vycarage, wherof the yerely value shall not excede eyght marke, shall not be compelled to paye, any fyrste fruites for any such personage or vicarage, where vnto they shall be presented or collated, not beinge aboue the saide yerely value of eyghte markes: Excepte that the incumbente presented or collated to suche personage or vicarage, wherof the yerely value shall not excede eyghte markes, do lyue thre yeres nexte and immedyatly folowynge after his institution induction or collation to suche personage or vicarage. And if suche incumbent do lyue after the sayde thre yeres

Personage. Vicarage.

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then he or his executours or administratours shall paye at dayes to be ymytted after the sayde peres vpon suretyes (as is aforesaid) the first fruites of euery suche personage and vicarage. And that in euery obligation to be made by any incumbent of such personage or vicarage, and his suerties for payment of the fyrste fruites of suche personage or vicarage, there shall be conteyned a prouiso, that if the said incumbent dye within .iii. peres next after the date of the institution, induction, or collation of the said personage or vicarage, that then the obligation shall be voyde and of none effecte. Any thynge in this acte to the contrary hereof notwithstandynge. Obligation

CANDOVER this where the clergie of the prouynce of Caunterburye in theyr conuocation haue graunted vnto the kynges hyghnes one hundred thousande poundes, and the clergie of the prouince of Yorke .xviii. thousande, eyghte hundred, foutye. li. x. s. to be payed by euen portions in fiue peres, and that which coulde not be leuyed therof in the same .v. peres, to be payed in the .vi. yere, as by the tenoure of theyr seuerall grauntes, therof made in theyr seuerall conuocations, more playnly appereth: Be it may please the kynges maiestie, of his excellnet goodnes, in consyderation that the saide yerely pension and annuell rente shall be yerely frome henseforth dewly payed and satisfied to his hyghnes, and to his heyres and successours, accordinge to the tenour fourme purporte and effecte of this present acte, that it may be enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament, that the clergie of the sayde prouince of Caunterburye, and euery of them, shall be discharged and acquited agaynste our sayde soueraygne lorde, his heires, and successours of and for the .xx. M. li. parcell of the sayd .C. M. li. whiche shulde be payed in the .v. yere of payment limitted by their graunte: And that the clergie of the sayd prouince of Yorke shal likewise be discharged and acquited of and for all suche sommes of money, parcell of the sayd .xviii. M. DCCC. xl. li. x. s. which shulde be payed in the .v. yere of payment ymitted by theyr graunte: any thinge in theyr sayd seuerall grauntes therof made in any wyse not withstandynge.

CPROVIDED ALVVAYES, that all the residue of sommes of money, whiche be yet to be payed, and not released nor discharged by this act, shall be trewly payed and satisfied to our said soueraigne lorde, his heires or successours, accordynge to the tenour, fourme, and effecte of theyr sayde seuerall grauntes.

CPROVIDED also, that all such fees, which any archebyshop byshop abbot priour or other prelate of the churche is bounden yerely to paye to any Chauncellour, maister of the Rolles, Justices, Mayres, or other officers or ministers of recorde, for temporall iustice to be done or myntstred within theyr dioces or iurisdictions, shall be allowed and deducted by the commissioners afore sayde, in and vpon the valuation of the dignities mansteries priories or churches chargeable with suche fees: Any thynge in this acte to the contrary hereof not withstandynge. Fees.

An acte for punishement of periurye of Jurours in the lordeshyps marchers in Wales. cap.iiii.

Jurours.

WHere for lacke of dylygente and sure custodye of Jurours sworne for trials of murders, felons, and accessaryes of felonies and murders in Wales, and the marches of the same, dyuers adherentes frendes and kynsfolkes to suche offendours haue resorted to the same iurours, and haue suborned them to acquite dyuers murderers felons and accessaryes, openly and notoriously knowen, contrary to equitie and iustice: It is therfore enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde, and the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that forthewith vpon the charge gyuen to any inquest hereafter to be take & sworne before any Justiciar, Stewarde, Lieutenaunte, or other officer within Wales or the marches of the same, of for and vppon any trauerse agaynste the kynge, or the triall of any recognysaunce broken, or any other forfayture forfayted to the kynge, or of for and vppon the triall of any murderer felone or accessarye of felony or murder, one officyer or other personne shall be deputed and sworne in the presence of the sayd iusticiar or other officer for the trewe and diligent kepinge of the same iurours: And that the same officer or other personne so sworne without the speciall commaundement of the saide iusticiar or other officer, shal not do or suffre to be ministred to the same iurours any breadde drinke or meate, fire or lyghte, nor shall suffre the same Jurours to speake to any person or persones, nor the same officer or other person sworne without the commaundement aforesayde, shall not speake to the sayde iurours, but only to demaunde of them of theyr agrement, vnto suche time as the same iurours shall haue giuen theyr verdite, any vsage or custome heretofore vsed to the contrary not withstandinge: And if the same officer or other personne so sworne in forme aforesayd, do not execute and accomplyshe the premisses in the othe before rehersed in euery pointe and article, than the same officer or other person so sworne shall be punyshed and imprisoned, and make fine and raunsome to the kynges hyghnes by the discretion of the sayde Justiciar, Stewarde, Lieutenaunte, or other officer.

Inquest.

Verdyt.

And also be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that if the same iurours do acquite any suche felone, murderer, or accessary, vpon whose triall they shalbe charged, or gyue any vntrue verdite against the kinge, vpon the triall of any trauerse recognisaunce or other forfayture, contrary to good and pregnaunte euidence ministred to them by persones sworne before the said Justiciar, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or other officer, or that the said iurours or any of them do eate drynke or speake to or with any other personne or persons, then to suche as be sworne with them, or otherwise misdemeane themselfes after they be sworne, and before they haue gyuen theyr verdite, that then the lorde presidente, and other of the counsaylle of the marches for the

Lord president & counsaylle of the marches.

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time beinge, vpon notyce or complaynt therof to them made, shall not only haue power and auctoritie by this present acte to call such iurours before them, but also the same Justiciar, Stewarde, or other officer, afore whom any suche acquitall, vntrewe verdit, or misdemeanour shall happen to be made, shall haue full power and auctoritie to compell suche iurours and euery of them vpon peyne of imprisonment to be bounden by recognisance in a cerayne summe of money, by their discretion to be limitted, that the same iurours and euery of them shall personally appere at a certayne day, by the same Justiciar, Stewarde, or other officer to be limitted before the lorde president, and other of the counseile afore sayde, for the time beinge: then and there to abide and stande to such direction and ordre, as the same counseyle shall make ordeyn and decree of in and vpon the same. And that the same counseile shall thervpon haue auctoritie and power by examination or otherwyse, to here and determyne all and euery such cause, and shall haue like auctoritie to cōmitte euery of the same iurours to pryson, or other punyshement, as shall be thought moste mete by the discretion of the sayd counseyle, or otherwyse assesse or taxe euery such iurour to his fyne or raunsome by the same discretion, to be payed and leuyed of their landes goodes and cattalles to the vse of the kinges highnes. Recognisance.

¶ An acte that kepers of feries on the water of Seuerne shall not conuey in their ferie botes any maner of person goodes or cattalles after the son goynge downe, tyll the sonne be vp. ca. v.

For as moche as dayly diuers felonies, robberies, and murders ben many times committed and done in the counties of Gloue and Somerset, in the parties nere adioyning vnto the water, called the water of Seuerne betwene Englande and Southwales, and after suche murders & felonies done, the saide robbers felons and murderers, with the saide goodes so robbed and stolen, make their conueyaunce with the said goodes so stollen, by night at dyuers passages or feries ouer the saide ryuer or water, as the passages of Auste, Fremelande, Pyrton, Arlyngham, Nowenham, Portsedes, Poynte, and all such other lyke passages ouer the saide ryuer in to Southwales, or in to the forest, called the forest of Dene, also adioyninge to the same water. And whan they be ouer the said water, than the goodes so stolen be by dyuers priuileges there kepte, all be it the owner and owners haue trewe and perfyte knowledge therof, yet they so robbed and spoyled be withoute remedye for to obteine their said goodes so stolen, and so that the secrete and sodeyne conueyaunce by nyght of the said goodes ouer the said feryes and passages dothe not onely greately encourage dyuerse personnes to come out of the parties of Southwales to steale robbe and murder dyuerse persons Seuerne Ferye botes.

sons in their houses in the saide counties ioyninge, vpon the saide borders of Wales, but also causeth many robberyes and felonies in sondry wayes to be committed and done vpon the saide border nere adioyninge to the same ryuer, to the greate domage and hurte of the kynges subiectes, inhabytynge there, onelesse some remedy therfore be prouided. It may therfore please the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same to enacte, that euery person or persons, takynge vpon hym or them to haue and kepe any of the saide passages, or any other passages vpon Seuerne aforesaide, from henceforth do not conuey nother cary with any maner barge, bote, or other vessell, any persone or personnes with horses, mares, oxen, kye, or any other cattall, nor no other person or persons before the time of the sonne ryslinge in the mornynge, and after the tyme of the sonne beinge gone downe at nighte, vpon peyne of imprisonment and fyne to sette on him that shall so conuey or cary ouer any of the sayde passages of the said ryuer of Seuerne oute of Englande in to Wales, or the forest of Dene, or out of Wales or the saide forest of Dene in to Englande, oneles the said passengers and euery of them haue good knowledge of such persone and personnes, and of their dwellynge places, and vpon request to them made by any person or persons to disclose the name and the dwellinge place of euery such person or persons, so by them conueyed ouer the saide water, to any such person or persons requiringe the same, if suite be made for or after them vpon any outcrie, hute, or freshe suite of or for any felonye, robberie, murder, and manslaughter, committed and done from henceforth. And that the kinges Justiciars of peace within euery the saide counties of Glouc and Somercet, at their quarter sessions, shal haue full power and auctoritie to call before them all such persons, whiche here after shall kepe any of the saide passages, or any other ferry or passage ouer the said water in to wales, or the sayde forest, or oute of wales or the sayde forest into Englande, and to bynde them with sufficient sureties with them in recognisaunce, in suche summes of money as it shall seme to the discretion of the sayde Justiciars of peace, that they and euery of them, beinge passengers and kepers of feries and passages, as is afore saide, from henceforth shall not after the said times before limitted and appoynted, conuey or cary, or cause to by conueyed or caryed any maner of person or persons, or any kynde of cattall, but suche persons as they do knowe and wyll answere for, and knowe where theyr abydynges, dwellynges, and habytations be, and vpon request made to them or any of them, as is aboue saide, shall from tyme to tyme disclose, as well the same person or persons, as the goodes and cattalles so passing the said passages vpon freshe suite made or hereafter to be made vpon any felonye, murder, or robberye committed and done in the borders of the counties afore saide, or in any other place within this realme, or Southwales.

Passage.

Forest of Deane.

Justices of peace.

Feries.

In act

In acte that murders and felonies done or committed within any lordshyp marcher in Wales, shall be enquyred of at the sessions holden within the shire grounds next adioynynge, with many good orders for ministration of Justice there to be had. Capitulo. vi.

FOr as muche as the people of Wales, & the marches of the same, not dredyng the good and holsome lawes and statutes of this realme, haue of long tyme contynued & persuered in perpetration and commission of diuers & manyfolde theftes, murders, rebellions, wilfull burnynge of houses, & other scelerous dedes and abhominable malefactis, to the high displeasure of god, inquietation of the kinges well disposed subiectes, and disturbaunce of the publyke weale, which malefactes and scelerous dedes be so roted and fixed in the same people, that they be not like to cease, onelesse some sharpe correction and punisshement for redresse and amputation of the premisses be prouided, accordinge to the demerites of the offendours. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and singular person and persons dwellynge or resyaunte within Wales, or in the lordshippes marches of the same, from time to time and at all tymes hereafter, vpon such monition or warnynge gyuen for the courte to be kepte in Wales, or in any of the lordshippes marches aforesaid as before this time hath ben vsed, shall personally repayre, resorte, and appere before the Justice, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or other officer at all and euery sessions, court and courtes to be holden before the same Justice, Stewarde, or other officer in any what so euer castell, fortresse, or other place within Wales, or within the precinct limittes and iurisdictions of euery of the lordships marchers or seignories aforesaide, or the marches of the same as by the said Justice, Stewarde, or other officer shall be appoynted: And than and there shall giue his or their personall attendaunce, to do, execute, and accomplysshe all and euery thynge and thinges, which to him or them shall affere and appertayne, vpon peyne of such fynes forfaytures and amerciamentes, as shall be affered, assessed, and tared by the Justice, Stewarde, or other officer to the kynges vse, if it be within any of the kynges lordshippes marchers. And if it be within any other lordshippes marches, then to the vse of the lord of the sayd lordeship marcher, for the time being: The sayd forfaitures and amerciaments to be leuied perceyued and taken by way of distresse of the goodes and cattalles of euery person not appeynge at the sayd courte or courtes, or not doynge, executynge, or accomplyshinge his dutie, as is aboue said.

Wales.

Lordshyps. Marches.

And for as moch as the officers in the lordeshippes marchers in Wales haue ofte and sundry tymes hereto fore vnlawfully exacted the kinges subiectes within suche lordeshippes, where they haue had rule or auctoritie, by

by many and sundrie waies and meanes, and also cõmitted them to straight durelle and impꝛisonment foꝛ small and lyghte fayned causes, and ertoꝛciously compelled them therby to paye vnto them fynes foꝛ their redemptions, contrary to the lawe. Therfoꝛe be it further enacted, that if any Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, oꝛ any other officer of any loꝛdship marcher, do fayne, pꝛocure oꝛ imagyn any vntrue surmyse agaynste any personne oꝛ persons, that shall so giue theyꝛ personall attendaunce befoꝛe them at suche courte oꝛ courtes, and vpon the same vntrue surmyse committe them to any durelle oꝛ impꝛisonment, contrarye to the lawe, oꝛ contrarye to the true and laudable custome of that loꝛdshippe: that then vpon suite made vnto the kinges cõmissioners oꝛ counseyle of the marches foꝛ the tyme being, by any suche person oꝛ persons so impꝛisonẽd, oꝛ by any of their frendes, that then the same commissioners oꝛ counseyle, shall haue full power and auctoꝛitie, to sende foꝛ suche Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, oꝛ officer, and also foꝛ the person oꝛ persons so impꝛysoned. And if the same person oꝛ persons so impꝛisoned can euidently pꝛoue befoꝛe the said counseile, by good and substanciall wytnes, oꝛ otherwise, that his impꝛisonment was vpon any feyned surmyse, without cause reasonable oꝛ lawfull, that then the same commissioners shall haue full power and auctoꝛitie to assesse the said officer to pay to the said person oꝛ persons wꝛongfully impꝛisoned. vi.s. viii.d. foꝛ euery daye of their impꝛisonment, oꝛ moꝛe, by the discretions of the said commissioners, accoꝛdinge to the hurtes and behauoure of the personne oꝛ persons impꝛisoned. And that the same cõmissioners shall set further fyne vpon the saide officer to be paide to the kynges vse, as by their discretions, shall be thought conuenient. And in case the same officers do refuse to appere befoꝛe the same cõmissioners incontynent after any commaundement to them directed and delyuered, after any suche complaynte made to the same commissioners, that then the same cõmissioners shall haue ful power and auctoritie vpon euery defaulte made by any officer oꝛ officers to assesse and sette vpon euery such officer oꝛ officers makynge defaulte, suche fyne oꝛ fynes, to be leuied to the kinges vse, as by their discretions shall be thoughte conuenient. And that the same cõmissioners shall haue full power and auctoꝛitie to compell the said officer oꝛ officers by waye of impꝛisonment, as well to pay such fyne as shall be set and taxed vpon them to the kynges vse, as to pay vnto euery person oꝛ persons so impꝛisoned suche summes of money, as they shall be cessed to paye foꝛ their wꝛonge impꝛisonment.

Durelle.

Commissioners of the marches.

¶ And also be it enacted by auctoꝛitie afoꝛe said, that no person oꝛ persons dwellynge oꝛ restaunt within Wales oꝛ the loꝛdeshyppes marchers of the same, of what estate degree oꝛ condition so euer he oꝛ they be of, cõmynge, reſoꝛtinge, oꝛ repayꝛinge vnto any sessions oꝛ courte, to be holden within Wales, oꝛ any loꝛdeshippes marches of the same, shall bꝛynge oꝛ beare, oꝛ cause to be bꝛought oꝛ boꝛne to the same sessions oꝛ courte, oꝛ to any place within the distaunce of two myles from the same sessions oꝛ courte, noꝛ to any towne, churche, fayꝛe, market, oꝛ other congregation, excepte it be vpon a hute

Sessions.

a hute, or outcrie, made of any felonye, robberye done or perpetrated, nor in the high wayes in affray of the kinges peace, or the kynges liege people, any bill, longe bowe, crosbowe, handgon, swerde, staffe, dagger, halberde, morespyke, speare, or any other maner of weapon, preuie coote, or armoure defensyue, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the same weapon, preuie coote, or armour, and to suffre imprysonment, and make fyne and raunsome to the kynges highnes by the discretion of the kynges commissioners of his marches for the tyme beynge, excepte it be by the commaundement licence or assent of the saide Justices Stewarde or other officer, or of the commissioners or counsell of the marches for the tyme beyng. And that no person nor persons from hensforth, without licence of the saide commissioners in writyng, shall within Wales or marches of the same, or in any shires adioynynge to the same, require procure gather or leuye any Commorthe, Bydalle, tenauntes ale, or other collection or exaction of goodes cattalles money or any other thinge vnder coloure of maryenge or sufferinge of their children sayinge or syngynge their firste masses or gospelles of any priestes or clerkes, or for redemption of any murder or any other felonye, or for any other maner of cause, by what name or names so euer they shall be called, nor shall make or procure to be made, any games of ronnynge wrestelynge leapynge or any other games, the game of shotynge onely excepted and forprised, vpon peyne of one hole yeres imprisonment of euery person or personnes, as shall gather or procure to be gathered, any suche collection or exaction, or shall make or procure to be made any games, as is afore saide. And further they and euery of them shall make such fine, as by the discretion of the kinges commissioners of his marches, shall be thoughte conuenient. And further the saide commissioners, by this present acte, shall haue power and auctoritie, to here and determyne the sayde offences by their examination. And that no person or persons shall hereafter at any tyme caste any thynge in to any courte within Wales or in the lordshippes marchers of the same by the meane or name of an Arthel, by reason wherof the court may be letted distourbed or discontynued for that tyme, vpon peyne of one hole yeres imprisonment of any suche personne or persons, as shall caste or cause to be cast any such Arthell in to any court or courtes hereafter to be holden within Wales or the lordeshyps marches of the same. Any custome before this time vsed to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Weapon. Armour.

Cōmorth. &c. in Wales.

Games.

Arthell.

¶ And that all sessions and courtes hereafter to be holden within Wales, or the lordshyppes marches of the same, shall be kepte within the moste surest and peasyble place within the same lordeshyp marcher, where the sayde Justice Stewarde or other officer shall appoynte, and for the punyshement and spedy trials as well of the counterfeyters of any coyne currant within this realme, wesshynge, clyppynge, or mynyshinge of the same, as of al and singuler felonies, murthers, wylfull burnynge of houses, manslaughters, robberies, burgularies, rapes, and accessaries of the same, and other offences, feloniously done perpetrated and cōmitted, or hereafter to be done, perpetra-

by many and sundrie waies and meanes, and also cõmitted them to straight duresse and imprisonment for small and lyghte fayned causes, and extorcionsly compelled them therby to paye vnto them fynes for their redemptions, contrary to the lawe. Therfore be it further enacted, that if any Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or any other officer of any lordshipp marcher, do fayne, procure or imagyn any vntrue surmyse agaynste any personne or persons, that shall so giue their personall attendaunce before them at suche courte or courtes, and vpon the same vntrue surmyse committe them to any duresse or imprisonment, contrarye to the lawe, or contrarye to the true and laudable custome of that lordeshippe: that then vpon suite made vnto the kinges cõmissioners or counseyle of the marches for the tyme being, by any suche person or persons so imprisoned, or by any of their frendes, that then the same commissioners or counseyle, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to sende for suche Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or officer, and also for the person or persons so imprysoned. And if the same person or persons so imprisoned can euidently proue before the said counseile, by good and substanciall wytnes, or otherwise, that his imprisonment was vpon any feyned surmyse, without cause reasonable or lawfull, that then the same commissioners shall haue full power and auctoritie to assesse the said officer to pay to the said person or persons wrongfully imprisoned. vi.s. viii.d. for euery daye of their imprisonment, or more, by the discretions of the said commissioners, accordinge to the hurtes and behauoure of the personne or persons imprisoned. And that the same cõmissioners shall set further fyne vpon the saide officer to be paide to the kynges vse, as by their discretions, shall be thought conuenient. And in case the same officers do refuse to appere before the same cõmissioners incontynent after any commaundement to them directed and delyuered, after any suche complaynte made to the same commissioners, that then the same cõmissioners shall haue ful power and auctoritie vpon euery defaulte made by any officer or officers to assesse and sette vpon euery such officer or officers makynge defaulte, suche fyne or fynes, to be leuied to the kinges vse, as by their discretions shall be thoughte conuenient. And that the same cõmissioners shall haue full power and auctoritie to compell the said officer or officers by waye of imprisonment, as well to pay such fyne as shall be set and taxed vpon them to the kynges vse, as to pay vnto euery person or persons so imprisoned suche summes of money, as they shall be cessed to paye for their wronge imprisonment.

Duresse.

Commissioners of the marches.

¶ And also be it enacted by auctoritie afore said, that no person or persons dwellynge or restaunt within Wales or the lordeshyppes marchers of the same, of what estate degree or condition so euer he or they be of, cõmynge, resortinge, or repayringe vnto any sessions or courte, to be holden within Wales, or any lordeshippes marches of the same, shall bringe or beare, or cause to be brought or borne to the same sessions or courte, or to any place within the distaunce of two myles from the same sessions or courte, nor to any towne, churche, fayre, market, or other congregation, excepte it be vpon

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a hute, or outerie, made of any felonye, robberye done or perpetrated, nor in the high wayes in affray of the kinges peace, or the kynges liege people, any bill, longe bowe, crosbowe, handgon, swerde, staffe, dagger, halberde, morespyke, speare, or any other maner of weapon, preuie coote, or armoure defensyue, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the same weapon, preuie coote, or armour, and to suffre imprysonment, and make fyne and raunsome to the kynges highnes by the discretion of the kynges commissioners of his marches for the tyme beynge, excepte it be by the commaundement licence or assent of the saide Justices Stewarde or other officer, or of the commissioners or counsell of the marches for the tyme beyng. And that no person nor persons from hensforth, without licence of the saide commissioners in writynge, shall within Wales or marches of the same, or in any shires adioynynge to the same, require procure gather or leuye any Commorthe, Bydalle, tenauntes ale, or other collection or exaction of goodes cattalles money or any other thinge vnder coloure of maryenge or sufferinge of their children sayinge or syngynge their firste masses or gospelles of any priestes or clerkes, or for redemption of any murder or any other felonye, or for any other maner of cause, by what name or names so euer they shall be called, nor shall make or procure to be made, any games of ronnynge wrestelynge leapynge or any other games, the game of shotynge onely excepted and forprised, vpon peyne of one hole yeres imprisonment of euery person or personnes, as shall gather or procure to be gathered, any suche collection or exaction, or shall make or procure to be made any games, as is afore saide. And further they and euery of them shall make such fine, as by the discretion of the kinges commissioners of his marches, shall be thoughte conuenient. And further the saide commissioners, by this present acte, shall haue power and auctoritie, to here and determyne the sayde offences by their examination. And that no person or persons shall hereafter at any tyme caste any thynge in to any courte within Wales or in the lordshippes marchers of the same by the meane or name of an Arthel, by reason wherof the court may be letted distourbed or discontynued for that tyme, vpon peyne of one hole yeres imprisonment of any suche personne or persons, as shall caste or cause to be cast any such Arthell in to any court or courtes hereafter to be holden within Wales or the lordeshyps marches of the same. Any custome before this time vsed to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Weapon. Armour.

Cōmorth. in Wales.

Games.

Arthell.

¶ And that all sessions and courtes hereafter to be holden within Wales, or the lordshyppes marches of the same, shall be kepte within the moste surest and peasyble place within the same lordeshyp marcher, where the sayde Justice Stewarde or other officer shall appoynte, and for the punyshement and spedy trials as well of the counterfeyters of any coyne currant within this realme, wesshynge, clyppynge, or mynyshinge of the same, as of al and singuler felonies, murthers, wylfull burnynge of houses, manslaughters, robberies, burgularies, rapes, and accessaries of the same, and other offences, feloniously done perpetrated and cōmitted, or hereafter to be done, perpetra-

Justices of Gaole delyuery and of peace.

petrated & cõmitted within any lordshyp marcher of Wales: Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the Justices of the Gaole delyuerie, and of the peace & euery of them, for the time beinge in the shire or shyres of Englande, where the kinges writte runneth, next adioynynge to the same lordshyp marcher, or other place in Wales, where suche counterfaytinge welshynge clippinge or minil shinge of any coyne currant within this realme, or murther hath ben or hereafter shall be committed or done, or where any other felonies or accessaries shalbe hereafter cõmitted perpetrated or done, shall haue from henssorth full power & auctoritie, at their sessions & Gaole delyuerie, to enquire by verdicte of twelue men of the same shyre or shyres, next adioynynge within Englande, where the kinges writte runneth, there to cause all suche counterfaitours, wallshers, clippers of money, felons, murderers, and accessaries to the same, to be indited according to the lawes of this lande, in like maner and fourme as if the same petie treasons, murders, felonies, and accessaries to the same, had ben done cõmitted or perpetrated within any of the saide shires, within the saide realme: and also to here determyne and iudge the same according to the lawes of the realme. And that all forreyne pleas, pleaded by any of the saide malefactours, and offendours, shall be tried and determined in the saide shire or shires: and that the acquitall or fyne makinge for any of the causes afore saide, in any of the lordshippes marches, shall be no barre for any persone or persones, beinge indicted in the said shyre or shyres, within two yeres nexte after any such murder or felonye done.

Justices of peace

¶ And further it is enacted, that the said Justices of peace and Gaole delyuerie, and euery of them, shall haue full power and auctoritie to awarde all maner of proces, as well of outlawry as otherwise, agaynst al and euery suche offendour and offendours, so indited in maner and fourme and accordynge to the customes and lawes vsed and accustomed within this realme of Englande. And that the saide Justices, or two of them, afore whom any suche offender shall happen to be outlawed or attaynted by outlagarie, shal immediately vpon the same brlagarie or atteinder, directe and sende vnto the kynges officers of his lordshippes marchers, or to their deputies, or vnto the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordshippe marcher, or to his or their officer or officers, or to their deputies, wherin suche offence murder or felonye shall happen to be done, or where any suche offendour, murderer, or felone, shall happen to be respaunte, a Certificate vnder the seales of them or two of them, of any such outlagarie or atteynder, commaundinge them & euery of them by the same vnder peyne of forfayture of a hundred pound to the king, to be leuied & perceyued, as well of the goodes cattalles landes and tenementes of the same lorde or lordes marchers, as of the good and cattals land and tenementes of the kinges officer there, to apprehende and attache, or cause to be apprehended and attached the bodie or bodies of the same offendour or offendours, so outlawed or atteinted, and saufely to kepe or cause to be kepte the same offendour or offendours, tyll suche conuenient

Outlawrye.

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yme before the nexte sessyons of the kynges Justices of his gaole delyue-
rie, of the shire, where such offendour or offendours shall happen to be out-
lawed or attainted, as to the kinges officers of his lordeshippes marchers,
or to theyr deputies, or vnto the lord marcher or lordes marchers of ȳ same
lordeshippe marcher, or to his or theyr officer or officers, or theyr deputyes,
where suche offendour or offendours shall be apprehended attached deteyn-
ed and kepte, shall be thoughte expediente for the conueyaunce and con-
ductynge of the same offendour or offendours, in maner and fourme follo-
wynge to be delyuered from the kynges officyers or theyr deputies, or the
lorde marcher or the lordes marchers, or his or theyr officer or officers, to o-
ther persons assigned by this acte to receyue and conuey such offendour or
offendours, by indenture to be made betwene the deliuerour or deliuerours,
and the receyuour or the receyuours: That is to saye, that the kynges offi-
cers of his lordeshyp marcher or theyr deputies, or the lorde or lordes mar-
chers of the lordeshyp marcher, or his or they officer or officers, or theyr de-
puties, where such offendour or offendours shal be apprehended attached
deteyned and kepte, shall saufely and surely conducte and conuey, or cause
to be conducted and conueied the same offendour or offendours, to the nexte
lordeshippe marcher towarde the shire, where the same offendour or offen-
dours shall happen to be outlawed or attaynted. And that the kynges offy-
cers of the same lordeshippe marcher or theyr deputies, or the lord or lordes
marchers of the same lordeshippe marcher, or his or theyr officer or officers,
or theyr deputies, shall receiue and saufely and surely conducte and conuey
the same offendour or offendours, to the nexte lordshippe marcher. And so
the kynges officers of euery lordeshippe marcher, or theyr deputies or the
lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordshippe, or his or theyr officer or of-
ficers or theyr deputies, to receyue conducte and conuey saufely and surely
euery suche offendour or offendours from one lordeshyp marcher to an o-
ther lordeshyp marcher, by endenture, as is afore saide, vnto the tyme that
suche offendour or offendours, shalbe saufely delyuered before the saide iu-
stices of the gaole delyuery, vpon peyne of forfapture by euery of the kyn-
ges officer or lorde marcher, by whose defaute the same offendour or offen-
dours, shall ne maye not appere before the same iustices at theyr said sessi-
ons, there to stande and abyde the order of the kynges lawes. C. li. to be le-
ued and percepued of the goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes of
the same officer or lorde to the kynges vse. And that al ȳ euery officer and Certificat.
officers, lorde and lordes, or other persones, to whom any certificat shall be
directed, as is aboue saide, shall at the nexte sessions and Gaole delyuery,
to be holden after the prehension or attachement of suche offendour or offe-
dours, returne the same Certificat in dewe forme, and what he or they haue
done in that behalfe vpon the peyne afore saide. Prouyngе alway to all and
euery offendour and offendours, all and singuler trauerses, chalenges, er-
ceptions, aduantages, and al other pleas to of and vpon the outlawry pro-
nounced or promoulged againste the same offendour or offendours, in ma-

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ner and fourme as is and hath be vſed & accuſtomed by the lawes of this realme for any the kinges ſubiectes dwellynge within the ſame realme.

Sureties. ¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that if any perſon or perſons, which ſhal happen hereafter to be indited outlawed arrayned conuicted or attaynted by force of this acte, do fynde ſuche ſufficient ſureties before the kinges Juſtices of his gaole delyuerie, as by their diſcretion ſhall be thought conuenient, that the ſame perſon or perſõs ſhall not from thensforth committe nor do any felonye murder or felonious offence, nor be accellarie to any felonye murder or felonious offence, but at al tymes from thensforth ſhall be of good behauour againſt the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, his heires and ſucceſſours, his and their lawes, and ſubiectes, that then the ſame Juſtices of gaole delyuerie for the tyme beinge, with and by thaſſent conſent and agrement of the lorde preſydent, and two of the kynges cõmiſſioners or counſayle of the marches for the time being, or thre of them at the leaſt, wherof the lorde preſydent, or one of the ſayde counſayle to be one, ſhall and may by their diſcretion for one tyme onely, admytte any ſuche offendour to a certaine fyne or ſumme of money on him by them to be aſſeſſed and taxed, to be ſurely payde to the kinges vſe, and ſhall haue full power and auctoritie by this preſent acte to diſcharge any ſuch offendour or offendours, ſo attained outlawed conuicted and attainted of all and euery ſuche felonye murder or felonious offence and accellaries of the ſame, and of all executions and punyſhementes of dethe, whiche the ſame offendeur or offendours ſhuld ſuffre by the cõmon lawes of this realme: ſo that the ſame offendour or offendours ſtonde not appeled of the ſaid felonye murder or felonious offence, or as accellarie of the ſame offences at the tyme of his ſaid diſcharge. And that euery ſuch offendour ſo diſcharged, as is aboue ſayde, ſhall be for the ſame offence or offences done within any of the kynges lordſhyps marchers, or any other lordſhips marchers, diſcharged as well againſt the kinges highnes, his heires & ſucceſſours, as againſt all other lordes marchers for one tyme onely.

¶ Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd, that this preſent acte, or any thinge therin conteined, ſhall not extende ne take place to abridge depryue or minorate any lybertie priuilege or auctoritie of any lorde marcher, heretofore graunted to the ſame lorde, or laufully vſed or accuſtomed by the ſaide lorde, or any of his auncetours, oneles the foreſaid offendours happen to be indited outlawed attained conuicted or attainted by force of this acte, as is aboue ſayde, within two yeres nexte after ſuche murther or other felonious offence perpetrated done or committed within the ſayd lordeſhyppes marchers or any of them: Any thinge in this preſent acte before reherſed to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ And further more be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that al murthers robberyes felonyes and accellaryes of the ſame, which ſhall happen hereafter to be done perpetrated or committed within the ſhyre of Merionythe in Wales, ſhal and maye be from henſeforth enquired herde and determined

termined in the counties of Carneruan or Anglesee, before the kynges Justices of northe Wales, or his deputie for the time beinge, by verdycte or inquest to be taken by the inhabitauntes of the same shires of Carneruan & Anglesee, or other wise, if by the discretion of the Justice there or his deputie, shall be thought conuenient. And that the same Justice or his deputie, for the time beinge shal haue ful power and auctoritie by his discretion, by force of this present act, to here and determine al and euery the foresayde murders felonies robberies and accessaries, in fourme aforesayde

Justice of northwales.

And where heretofore vppon dyuers murders robberyes and felonyes perpetrated and done, as wel within the lordeshippes marchers of Wales, as in other places of Wales without the same lordshyppes, the offenders diuers tymes flee and escape from the same lordeshyp or other place, where suche offence was committed, and haue repaired and resorted into an other lordeship marcher, and there by the ayde comforte and fauour of the sayde lorde of the same lordeshyp or his officer or officers, haue ben abidinge and resyaunte, in to the whiche lordeshyppes the same lordes marchers haue and do pretende a custome and priuilege, that none of the kinges ministers or subiectes may entre, to pursue apprehende and attache any suche offendour, therunto repaired, as is aforesaide, by reason wherof the same offendours went vnpunished, to the animation and encouraggyng of other euyll disposed people. It is therfore enacted by the auctoritie abouesaide, þ euery officer and officers, and their deputies, vpon cõmaundement gyuen by the commissioners or counsayle of the marches for the tyme beinge, shal bynge sende or delyuer euery suche offendour to the officer of the lordship marcher, or other place, where any suche offence is or shall be commited or done, vpon the meres and bondes of the saide lordeshyppes, or to the sayde commyssyoners or counsayle, accordynge as the sayde officers by theym shall be commaunded vnder peyne of .xl. poundes, the same cõmandement or cõmission to be directed to any such officer to be sende conueyed and delyuered by a sergeaunt at armes, or a pursuauant, attendaunt on the sayd counsell in the marches, for the tyme beinge.

An acte for amendynge of hygh wayes in Sussex. cap. vii.

Where it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament heretofore holde at London the .xb. daye of Apryll, in the .xiiii. yere of the kynges mooste noble regne, and from thens adiourned to westmynster the laste daye of July, the .xb. yere of his reygne, and ther holden: in consyderation that many comen wayes in the weld of Kent, weld of Kent, other occasions, that people can not haue theyr passages & cariages by horses vpon or by the same, but to theyr great peines perils and iopardy, that

if any person or persons from that tyme in any place within the sayd welde of the sayde countie, of his good mynde and disposition without any bains of good by hym or by them to be receyued for the same, wyll for the comen wele of the kyngis people assigne and lay out a more cõmodious way in & ouer the londes ther vnto adioyning, wherof the person or persons, or other to his vse shall be seased of fee in estate of inheritaunce, that the same newe way so to be assygned and layed out, by ouersighte and assent of two Justices of the peace of ỹ said countie, and .xii. other discrete mẽ within the same hundreth inhabiting, where any such newe way shalbe limitted & lated out, or inhabiting within the same hundred & other hundredes to the sayd hundreth next adioyning, shalbe from thensforth holden occupied & vsed in like maner as the sayd olde way there nowe is or before hath ben. And that also the same person or persons so disposed, willinge and accomplishing, shall & may for the said newe way so assigned and vsed, receyue and hold in wey in recompense for the same new way so to be gyuen, the sole and ground of the olde way in seueraltie, to them they heires and assignes, to they owne vse and profyte for euer, without any comen way or passage there from thensforth to be had or claymed, any ꝓscriptiõ or vse to the contrary not withstãding, in like maner & forme as is limitted by the said act of a certein newe way granted by ỹ same act to be made by George Guilford squier at Hempsted in the saide welde of Kente. And ỹ the said two Justices of peace, & xii other discrete men, by whose ouer syght & assent, the said new way by vertue of the said act, shalbe assigned limitted and laid out, shal within .xii. monethes next after thassignement limitation & leyeng out of ỹ same, make certificat into the kinges most honorable court of chancery vnder they seales of the length and brede of the said new way or strete, & of other thinges adioyning or concerning the same, as by they discretiõs shalbe thought most expediente or requisite for the comen welth of that cõtre to be certified, and that certificat to be made from tyme to tyme, as ofte as any suche new way or strete shabe assigned limitted and layde out in fourme aboue written.

Justice of peace.

Wayes.

PRouided alway, that if any person or persons, or body politike, haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shall haue any churche waye, or other highe ouer way or passage, ouer or throughe any maner landes adioyning to any of the said old wais or stretes which shalbe taken & vsed by force of that act as seuerall soile & freehold, in recõpence for any new way to be made & layde out in forme aforesaid, or haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shal haue any lõdes or tenũtes adioining to ỹ old way they & euery ofthẽ, their heires & successours may haue and vse they said way or waies out of & in the said new way ouer and through the land of ỹ said old wey or strete, into or ouer thẽ said lãdes or tenementes adioining to the same, and so to passe and repasse, as shal appertayne, ouer the same old way, at such conuenient place or places therof, as therfore shalbe limitted & assigned by the said .ii. Justices of peace & other .xii. men, & by them to be certified in the chancery, amonge other thinges by thẽ to be certified in forme aforesaid, any thing in the said

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act aboue writen not withstanding, as by the same act manifestly appereth.
¶ And for as moche as in many places within the countie of Sussex lyke act for the alteration of comen wayes & stretes there being moch annoyous is moche necessarie and expedient for the common welthe and cōmoditie of the kynges subiectes of the said countie of Sussex to be had and made. In consideration wherof be it ordeyned & enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spiritual and temporall, & the comons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the said act aboue rehersed and recited, shal and maye from hensforth extende take effecte and be put in execution in euery place conuenient or necessarye within the sayde countie of Sussex, where wayes and stretes be noyous to the kinges saide subiectes of the same countie of Sussex in like forme & maner, & in al pointes and conditions, and with lyke prouiso to be had don & executed, as it is conteined & expressed in the aboue recited act concerninge ẏ chaunge of the wayes and stretes in the said countie of Kent, any prescription vse custome or other thinge to the contrary beinge in any wise notwithstandinge.

Sussex.

Stretes.

In act for reedifieng of voyde groundes in the citie of Norwiche. ca. viii.

Vhere by infortunate chaūce of fire a great nombre of houses of habitation within the citie of Norwiche, about. xxvi. yeres past, were burned and vtterly consumed, to the great heuines discomforte, losse and hinderaūce of the inhabitauntes of the same citie. By reason of whiche bournynge dyuers and many voide groundes, wherupon before the same fire, good and substancial houses of habitation were stondynge, remaynynge nowe at this daye vnreedified, and not onely vnreedified, but also to lye as desolat & vacant groūdes many of them nygh adioynyng to the hygh stretis, replenished with moche vnclennes & fylthe, to the great annusance of the said inhabitantes, & other the kynges subiectes passyng by the same: & to thentent that a reformatiō may be had in that behalfe, Be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, & the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the comons in this presente parliament assēbled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if the owner or owners of such vacant ground or groūdes, so lyeng wīn the precinct of the said citie, within two yeres next after proclamation made by the cōmandmēt of ẏ Maire of the said cite for the time beinge, within and vppon such vacante grounde or groundes, of the tenour and effecte of this presente act, do not sufficiently reedifie, or elles with walles of morter and stone sufficiently inclose the same vacant ground or groundes, wherupon suche proclamation shalbe made, that then it shall be leful to ẏ Mayre Shireffes citesens and cominalte of the same citie and theyr successours for the time being immediately after the same two yeres expired, to entre in to euery such grounde and groundes so vacant as is aforesayde, wherupon suche proclamatiō, as is before remembred, shalbe so made, and the same grounde & groundes

Norwiche.

Vacant or void groūdes.

to holde and retayn without interruption to them and their ſucceſſours for euer, clerely diſcharged of all rentes, wel againſt the lordes of fees therof as of al other, ſo that alwayes the ſame mayre ſhiriffes citeſens and cõminaltie or their ſucceſſours, do well & ſufficiently reedifie, or eis with walles of morter and ſtone, as is aforeſaid, ſufficienly do incloſe the ſame grounde and groundes, wherin they ſhall ſo entre, within two yeres next after ſuche entre by them ſo to be made, as is aforeſaid. And in caſe the ſame maire ſhiriffe citezens and cõminaltie, or their ſucceſſours, do not ſufficiently reedifie or incloſe, or cauſe to be reedyfied or incloſed the ſame grounde and groundes, in fourme aforeſaid within the ſame terme of two yeres next after they ſhal ſo entre into the ſame, that then it ſhal be leful to the ſaid firſt owner & owners of all ſuch ground and groundes, their heires or ſucceſſours immediatly after the ſame thre yeres ſo expired, to reentre into the ſame grounde and groundes, and the ſame to retayn & enioy ageyn to them, their heires and ſucceſſours, as in theyr former eſtate and intereſte: any thynge in this act conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyſe not withſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that if the owners of ſuche vacant grounde or groũdes, ſpecified in this acte, do not repayre and amend the ſame, accordynge to the tenour of this act, within two yeres lymitted by this acte: that then it ſhall be lefull to the chiefe lordes, of whom ſuch vacant groundes ben or ſhalbe holden, to entre and to haue the ſame groundes to them theyr heires & ſucceſſours for euer, ſo that euery ſuch chefe lorde do repayre and amende the ſaid vacant groũdes according to the tenour and effect of this act within one yere next after that ſuch chiefe lorde maye entre by auctorite of this acte. And if ſuch chiefe lorde, as maye entre by this act, do not repayre and amende the ſame vacant groundes within one yere next after they may entre by this acte: that then for euery ſuch defaute the mayre ſhiriffes citezẽs and cominaltie ſhall laufully entre into the ſaide groundes, accordinge to the tenour forme effect and condicion aboue expreſſed in this act: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withſtandynge.

¶ An acte for reedifienge of voyde groundes within the towne of Lynne. Cap. ix.

Lynne.

HUmbly beſeecheth your good & gracious highnes your obedient ſubiectes, the maire & burgeſes of ꝑ town of Lyn byſhop, in your coũtie of Norfolke, that where at this preſente time diuers & many meſuages & tenemẽtes of olde time buylded within the ſayd towne are & by a long time haue ben in great decay & deſolation, wherby the flud and rage of the ſee commynge to the ſaid towne, and inſurginge vppon ſuche decayed tenementes in times of tempeſte doth freat and meruailouſly weare in dyuers places of the ſayde towne, to the great hurte and damage as well of the ſayde towne as of dyuers perſons haupnge groundes adioynynge to ſuche pla-

Decayed houſes.

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ces so in decaye, and that the owners of suche decayed groundes wyll not reedifie and mayntayne the saide mesuages and tenementes so decayed for the mayntenaunce and defence of the water and rage of the sea, wherby the said towne is lyke to fall in more decaye ruyne & desolation, if remedie therfore be not prouided. In consideration wherof it may please your highnes, that it may be enacted by your maiestie, by the assentes of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if the owner or owners of such mesuages and tenementes so decayed, set lierge or bienge within the precincte of the saide towne, within one yere next after proclamation made by the cõmaundement of the mayre of the saide towne for the tyme beinge, within and vpõ such decayed mesuages or tenementes, do not sufficiently reedifie, or elles with walles of morter and stone sufficiently enclose the same mesuages and tenementes & groundes to them belongynge, so beinge in decay, for defence of the rage of the water: that then it shall be lefull to the chiefe lordes, of whom such mesuages or tenementes so decayed shalbe holden, to enter into the saide mesuages & tenementes so decayed, and the same holde haue and reteyne to them & their heires for euer: so that euery such lorde, which shall enter into any mesuages or tenementes so decaied, by auctoritie of this act, do sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone sufficiently inclose the said mesuages & tenementes so decayed in fourme as is aboue said within one yere nexte after that such chiefe lord may enter into the same by auctoritie of this acte. And if such chiefe lorde, whiche may enter by auctoritie of this act into the said mesuages or tenementes decayed, do not reedifie the said mesuages & tenementes decayed, or els with walles of morter & stone sufficiently inclose the same, in fourme as is aforesaid, within one yere nexte after such chief lorde mought enter into the same by auctoritie of this acte: that then it shal be laufull to the mayre & cõminaltie of the said towne for euery suche defaulte to enter into any such mesuages or tenementes so decayed, and the same to haue and reteine to them and their successours for euer, without interruption to thẽ and their successours for euer, clerely discharged of al rentes, as wel against the lordes of fees therof as of al other. So that alwayes the same mayre & cõminaltie, or their successours do well and sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone, as is afore said, sufficiently do inclose the same mesuages & tenementes or groundes appertayning to the same, wherin they shal so enter by auctoritie of this act within two peres nexte after such entre by thẽ so to be made, as is aforesaid, & in case the same mayre & cõminaltie, or their successours, do not sufficiẽtly reedifie or inclose, or cause to be reedified or inclosed ỹ same mesuages & tenementes or groũdes to the same belonging, in fourme aforesaid, within the same terme of two peres next after they shall so enter into the same: that then it shalbe lefull to the said first owner & owners of all suche mesuages tenemẽtes & groũdes, their heires or successours, immediatly after the same two peres so expired, to enter into the same mesuages tenemẽtes & groũdes,

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and the same to reteyne and enioy agayne to them, their heires and successours, as in their former estate and interest: Any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstandinge.

¶ An acte wherby the kynges highnes hath auctoritie to repell the statute made for restreint of wynes to come in afore Candelmas. ca. x.

Wynes of Gascoyne or Guyen. &c.

WHere in the session of this presente parliamente holden at Westminster in the. xv. day of January, in the. xxiii. yere of the kynges moste noble reigne, it was enacted by auctoritie of the same parliament, that no maner of person or persons shulde discharge and lay on lande out of any shippe or shippes, or other vessell or vessels, any wynes of Gascoyne or Guion, or any maner of Frenche wynes, at any hauen port creeke or other place within this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, or the the marches of the same, at any tyme from thensforth betwene the feastes of saint Michel tharcangell, and the Purification of our lady, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the same wynes so brought and discharged and layde on land at any time thereafter betwene the saide feastes contrary to the saide acte: The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge oure soueraine lorde, and the other halfe therof to suche of the kinges subiectes, as shall sease or sue for the same, by action of detinue or dette after the rate of the value therof, by originall writte bill playnte or information in any of the kynges courtes: in which actions and suites the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne shall be allowed, as amonge other thinges in the saide acte specified euidently appereth. For as moche as suche leages and amities as ben concluded and had betwene the kinges maieste and other forayne kynges and princis, for the weale and tranquilitie of their realmes countries and people, moughte parcase be impeched interrupted or derogated, contrary to the pactes and agrementes therin conteyned, as well by occasions of the saide article conteyned in the said act, as by occasion of sundry other like actes heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, wherby the commoditie and marchaundise of this realme, and of other the kinges dominions bene restreyned to be conueyed in to any outwarde parties, forayne realmes, or countreis of other princis beinge in leage and amytie with the kinges highnes, or the commodities and marchaundises of suche outwarde parties, forayn realmes, and countreis be restreined to be brought and conueyed in to this realme, or elles where within the kinges dominions to be vttered solde and vsed as freely as of olde tyme hath ben accustomed. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the kinge our soueraigne lorde shall duryng his life naturall haue full power and auctoritie by his proclamations, to be conteyned in letters patentes vnder his greate seale, and enrolled in his courte of chauncerie, from tyme to tyme to repell and make voide

Leagues.

Proclamation.

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as well the saide article conteyned and specified in the said acte made for to restrayne the bringinge in of wynes afore the feaste of the Purification of our lady, as all other such actes & statutes in parte or in the hole, whiche hath ben made syth the beginninge of this present parliament for the restreint or lette of any commodities of this realme, or of other the kinges dominions to be conueyed & vttered to and in any outward parties, realmes, or countries, or for restreinte and let of any commodities or marchaundise of outwarde parties, realmes or countries to be conueyed brought & vttered to or in this realme, or els where within the kinges dominions: And by like proclamations from time to tyme, shall haue power and auctorite to repue and make effectuall the said statutes and actes agayne in their force strength and effecte in all or suche parte therof, as to his mateste shall be thought moste conuenient and profitable for his realme. And that euery such repeale abrogation & makynge boyde of any suche statutes or actes, in parte or in the hole: And euery such reuiuinge or makynge effectuall of them againe in parte or in the hole by proclamations vnder the great seale to be made and enrolled in the kynges chauncerie, as is aforesaide, shall be of the same qualitie force strength condition & effecte to all intentes & purposes, as if it had ben done with due circumstaunces by auctorite of parliament, any thinge or thynges conteyned in any such actes, or any vsage or custome of this realme to the contrary hereof notwithstandinge.

Repele of actes.

Reuyuing of actes.

An acte for punyshement of welshemen attemptynge any assautes or affrayes vpon any thinhabitauntes of Heref. Glouc. and Shropshire. cap. xi.

FOr as moche as in times past diuerse and sondrye the kynge our soueraigne lordes subiectes, inhabited as well in wales as in the marches of the same, haue herefore vsed at sondrie times, when lawfull processe hath ben attempted agaynste them, or agaynst their kynsemen, or frendes, for sonderie robberies murders or felonies by them committed, or for any suites or processe of the lawe pursued or sued agaynst any persone or persones inhabytynge or dwellynge within Wales, or the marches of the same, within the counties of Gloucester, Salop, and Herforde, haue layen in awayte, and sodeynly of prepensed malyce, haue not onely mette with the pursuers of the said suites in the said counties, and in places nere adioinynge to the same, but also haue beaten, mayhimed, greuously wounded, and somtymes murdered diuerse of the same pursuers, for the onely attemptinge & pursuynge of such felons, wherby hath insued no litle violation and disturbaunce of the kynges peace, to the greate disquietinge of all the sayd parties, and to the right perilious example of all others like offendours. Be it therfore ordeyned established and enacted by the kynges saide highnes, his lordes spiri-

Wales and marches of the same.

spirituall & temporal, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any maner person or persons inhabited or dwelling in Wales, or in the marches of the same, at any time hereafter vpon any prepensed malice, shall presume to assaute beate hurt wounde or mayhim any other the kynges subiectes of the said counties, that then he or they so attempting, what so euer they be, beinge indicted & conuicted thereof, shall suffre imprisonment without redemption for the space of one hole yere, in such prison or prisons as vnto the Justices, before whom he or they shall be conuicted, shalbe thought conuenient, with such further peyne and punyshement as he or they shuld haue had, if this act had neuer ben had or made. This acte to endure vnto the last day of the nexte parliament.

Mayme prepensed.

¶ An acte for purgation of conuictes in Wales. ca. xli.

WHere at the parliament sõmoned and holden at London, the thirde day of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde kyng Henry the. viii. and from thens adiourned vnto Westminster in the countie of Middelsex, & after diuers prorogations, there also holden the. xv. day of Januarij, the. xxiii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraine lord kynge Henry the. viii. It was enacted among other, that no person nor persons, which from thensforth shuld happen to be found giltie after the lawes of this lande, for any maner of petie treason, or for any wylfull murder of malice prepensed, or for robbynge of any churches, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robbyng of any person or persons in their dwelling houses, or dwelling place, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wike, his children, or seruauntes then being within, and put in feare & drede by the same, or for robbynge of any person or persons, in or nere aboute the high wayes or for wylfull burnynge of any dwellynge houses or barnes, wherin any grayne of cornes shulde happen to be: nor any personne or persons beinge founde giltie of any abbettement, procurement, helpynge, mayntenynge, or counsaylynge of or to any such petie treasons murders or felonies, shuld from thensforth be admitted to the benefite of his or their clergy, but vtterly be excluded therof, and suffre deathe in suche maner and fourme, as they shulde haue done for any the causes or offences abouesayd, if they were no clerkes, suche as be within holy orders, that is to saye, of the orders of subdeacon or aboue, onely excepte. And also it was then and there by auctoritie aforesaid, further enacted, that euery suche person and persons within such orders of subdeacon or aboue, whiche at any tyme from thensforth shulde be founde giltie of any petie treason, or of any murder of malice prepensed, or of any of the felonies aboue rehersed, or of any accessarie to petie treason, wylfull murder, or to any other the felonyes aboue especified, and admitted to his or their clergie, and deliuered to the ordinarie for the same, shulde not in any wyse from thensforth be suffred to any purgation, nor be set at liber-

Benefite of clergy.

Subdeacon.

tie,

tie, but remayne & abyde in perpetuall prison, vnder the kepyng of the ordi- Pryson perpetuall.
narie, to whom he shulde be cōmitted & his successours, without any maner
of purgation, duryng the naturall lyfe of euery such conuict: excepte onely
such person and persons so being within such holy orders, and conuicte of Ordynarye.
or for any of the offēces aforesaid, & deliuered to the ordinary for the same,
do fynde two sufficient sureties by recognisaunce before two of the kynges Justices of peace.
Justices of his peace within the same shire, where the petie treason murder
or felony, wherof he was conuicted, was cōmitted and done, wherof one of
thē to be of the Quorum, that such conuicte shalbe of good abering against
the kinge our soueraigne lorde, his lawes and subiectes, euery such conuict Conuicte.
to be bounde in the summe of .xl.li. and euery his sureties in .xx.li. and that
no suretie to be taken, onles such as may dispende in landes tenementes or
hereditamentes yerely aboue al charges of estate of inheritance of charter
hold .xxvi.s.viii.d. or els be worth .xx.li. in moueable substaunce, at the time Recognisāce.
of the taking of such recognisaunce. And that two Justices of peace, wher-
of one to be of the quorum, by auctoritie aforesaid, haue power & auctoritie
to take suche recognisance. And that the saide Justices, afore whome any
such recognisaunce shall be taken, shall certifie the same in to the kynges
benche within foure monethes nexte after the takynge therof, vpon pein to
lose and forfaite. C.s. for euery defaute therof. And for as moch as there be Wales.
no Justices of peace ne of the Quorum within Wales, nor in dyuers other
places, cities, honours, lordshippes, and manours within the kynges domi-
nion, where as a lorde marcher, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, deputie, or other
officer of any such place, citie, honour, lordshyp, or manour haue auctoritie
or power, by custome or other wyse to arrayne afore hym or them any suche
person or persons beinge within such holy orders of subdeacon or aboue,
for cōmittinge or doynge any of the saide petie treasons, murders, felonies,
or any other of the said offences. And if it happen the same person so being
therof arrayned to be founde giltie, for to admitte him to his clergye, if he
pray the same before iudgement, and further to do and execute against any
such offendour, beynge so arrayned before them, in like maner and fourme
as Justices of the gaole deliuerie within the shire grounde haue vsed to do
by vertue of the kinges commission vnto them directed: By reason wherof
euery such person or persons, within suche orders of subdeacon or aboue,
beinge conuicte of any of the saide petie treasons, murders, felonies, or any
other the said offences, before any lorde marcher, stewarde, lieutenaunt, de-
putie, or other officer within Wales, or within any other place citie honour
lordeship or manour within the kinges domynyon, where no Justices of
peace be, and there vpon committed vnto thordinarie as clerke conuicte,
shall there remayne duryng the naturall lyfe of any suche conuycte: The
saide former acte and statute not withstandyng. For that there be no Justi-
ces of the peace ne of the Quorum, there as the saide petie treason mur-
der or felonie, wherof he is so conuicted, was committed and done, to take
suretye by recognisaunce for the good aberinge of euery suche conuicte,

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in maner & fourme as in the said former acte is reherced. Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall & temporal, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that euery such person and persons, within such orders of subdeacon or aboue, bemge conuicte of any petie treason, or of any murder of malice prepensed, or of any of the said felonies aboue reherced, or of any accessarie to petie treason, wylfull murder, or to any other the said felonies aboue especified before any lord marcher, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, deputie, or other Justice or officer within Wales, or within any other place citie towne honour lordeshippe or maner within the kinges dominion, where no Justices of the peace and of the Quorum be, and therupon the same cõuict admitted vnto his clergie, that the same person or persons so being within suche holy orders, and conuicte before any suche lorde marcher Stewarde Lieutenaunt deputie or other iustice or officer in Wales, or within any such place citie towne honour lordeshyp or maner within any the kinges dominion, where be no Justices of the peace & of the Quorum, of or for any of the offences aforesaide, and deliuered vnto the ordinarie as clerke cõuicte for the same, shall or may fynde two sureties by recognisaunce for his good aberinge before two of the kinges Justices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, in the shire where the same conuicte is or shall be kepte in the ordynaries prison, if the same prison be within the shire grouñd, where iustices of the peace and of the Quorum be, or els before two of the kinges iustices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quorum in the nexte shire adioyninge vnto the same prison: And that the same two Justices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, to haue power and auctorite to take suche recognisaunce, and to certifie the same in like maner and fourme and vpon like peyne as it shuld or ought to haue ben done by vertue of the sayd former acte, if the same petie treason murder felonie or other offence, of or for which any suche conuicte was or shall be so conuicte and admitted vnto his clergie, as is afore saide, had ben committed and done within the shire grounde, where Justices of the peace and of the Quorum be.

¶ An acte wherby diuers offences be made high treason, and takyng away all sainctuaries for all maner of high treasons. cap. xiii.

FOr as moche as it is moste necessarie bothe for commune polycie and duetie of subiectes aboue all thynges to prohibite prouide restreyne and extincte all maner of shamefull sclaunders perils or immineut daunger or daungers, whiche might growe happen or ryse to their soueraigne lorde the kynge, the quene, or their heyres, whiche whan they be herde sene or vnderstand, canne not be but odible and also abhorred of all those sortes that be true and louynge subiectes, if in any poynt they maye do or shall touch the kynge, his quene, their heires or successours vpon which dependeth the hole vnitie and vniuersall weale of this

this realme, without prouydinge wherfore to great a scope of vnreasonable libertie shulde be gyuen to all cankarde and trayterous hartes, wyllers & workers of the same. And also the kinges louynge subiectes shulde not declare vnto their soueraigne lorde nowe beinge, which vnto them hath bene and is moste entierly both beloued & estemed, their vndoubted sinceritie & trouthe. Be it therfore enacted by the assent and consent of our soueraigne lorde the kynge, and the lordes spirituall & temporall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons after the firste day of February next comynge, do malyciously wisshe wyll or desyre by wordes or wrytinge, or by crafte imagen, inuente, practise, or attempte any bodily harme to be done or committed to the kynges most royall person, the quene, or their heires apparant, or to depriue them or any of them, of the dignitie title or name of theyr royall estates, or sclaunderously & maliciously pudlishe and pronounce by expresse wrytinge or wordes, that the kynge our soueraigne lord shuld be heretike, scismatike, tyraunt, infidele, or vsurper of the crowne, or rebellyously do deteyn kepe or withholde from our saide soueraigne lorde, his heires or successours, any of his or their castels, fortresses, fortylesses, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions, or marches, or rebellyously deteyn kepe or withholde from the kinges said highnesse, his heyres or successours, any of his or their shippes, ordinaunces, artyllary, or other munitions or fortifications of warre, and do not humbly render & gyue vp to our said soueraigne lorde, his heires or successours, or to such psons as shalbe deputed by them, such castels, fortresses, fortilesses, holdes, shippes, ordinaunces, artillary, & other munitions, and fortifications of warre, rebellyously kept or deteyned, within. vi. dayes next after they shalbe cōmaunded by our saide soueraigne lorde, his heires or successours, by open proclamation vnder the great seale. That then euery such person & persons so offendinge in any the premisses, after the saide first day of February, their aydours, counseyllours, consentours, and abbettours, beinge therof lawefully conuicte, accordynge to the lawes and customes of this realme, shall be adiudged traytours, and that euery such offence in any the premisses, that shalbe committed or done after the said firste day of February, shal be reputed accepted and adiudged high treason: And the offendours therin, and their aydours consentours counseyllours and abbettours beinge lawfully conuict of any such offence, as is aforesaide, shall haue & suffre such peynes of death, and other penalties, as is limitted and accustomed in cases of high treason.

Traytours

High treason.

¶ And to thintent that all treasons shuld be the more dred hated & detested to be done by any person or persons, and also bycause it is a greate boldnes and an occasion to yl disposed persons to aduenture and imbrace their malicious intentes and enterprises, whiche all true subiectes oughte to studye to eschewe. Be it therfore enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that none offendour in any kyndes of high treasons, what so euer they be, their aydours consentours counseyllours, nor abbettours, shall be admitted to haue the

Sanctuary. benefite or priuilege of any maner of sanctuarie, consideringe that matters of treasons toucheth so nigh both the surettie of the kynge our soueraygne lordes person, and his heires and successours.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the kinges subiectes denisens or other, do cõmitte or practise out of the limittes of this realme in any outwarde parties, any such offences, which by this acte are made, or heretofore haue be made treason, that then such treasons what so euer they be, or where so euer they shall happen so to be done or cõmitted shall be inquired, and presented by the othes of twelue good & lawfull men, Othes. vpon good and probable euidence and witnes in such shire & countie of this realme, and before such persons, as it shall please the kinges highnes to appoynt by cõmission vnder his great seale, in like maner & fourme as treasons cõmitted within this realme, haue ben vsed to be inquired of and presented, and that vpon euery inditemẽt & presentment founden and made of any such treasons, and certified into the kynges benche, like proces & other circumstaunce shall be there had and made agaynst the offenders, as if the same treasons so presented had be lawfully founde to be done and cõmitted within the limittes of this realme. And that all proces of outlarie hereafter to be made and had within this realme againste any offendours in treason, beinge resiaunt or inhabited out of the limittes of this realme, or in any of the parties of beyonde the sea, at the time of the outlarie pronoūced against them, shall be as good and as effectuall in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, as if such offendours had be resident and dwellynge within this realme, at the tyme of such processe awarded and outlarie pronounced. Outlawry.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery offender and offenders beinge hereafter lawfully conuicte of any maner of high treasons by presentment confession verdicte or processe of outlarye, according to the due course and custome of the common lawes of this realme, shall lose and forfaite to the kynges highnes his heires and successours, all such landes tenementes & hereditamentes, which any such offender or offenders shall haue of any estate of inheritaunce in vse or possession, by any right tytle or meanes within this realme of Englãd, or els where within any the kinges dominions, at the tyme of any such treason committed, or any time after. Sauinge to euery persone and persons, their heires and successours, other then the offenders in any treasons, theyr heyres and successours, and such person and persons, as claime to any their vses, all such ryghtes tyties interestes possessions leases rentes offices & other profites, whiche they shall haue at the day of committinge such treasons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ An acte for nomination and consecration of suffragans within this realme. capi. xxiii.

ALbe it that sythen the begynnynge of this present parlyament, good and honourable ordynaunces and statutes haue ben made and esta-

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blyſſhed for elections preſentations conſecrations and inueſtyng of archebyſhoppes and byſhoppes of this realme, and in all other the kynges dominions, with all ceremonyes appertaynynge vnto the ſame, as by ſondry ſtatutes therof made more at large is ſpecified: yet neuertheleſſe no prouiſion hytherto hath ben made for ſuffragans, whiche haue ben accuſtomed to be had within this realme for the more ſpedy adminiſtration of the ſacramentes and other good holſome & deuoute thynges, and laudable ceremonyes, to the encreaſe of goddis honour, and for the cõmoditie of good & deuoute people. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that the townes of Therforde, Ippeſwiche, Colcheſter, Douer, Gilforde, Southampton, Taunton, Shaftesburye, Bolton, Marlebourghe, Bedforde, Leiceſter, Gloceſter, Whzewesburye, Bryſtowe, Penrethe, Brydgewater, Nottyngham, Grauntham, Hulle, Huntyngdon, Cambridge, and the townes of Pereth and Berwyke, ſaynct Garmaynes in Cornewall, and the Iſle of wight, ſhall be taken & accepted for ſees of byſſhops ſuffragans to be made in this realme and in Wales, and the biſhops of ſuch ſees ſhal be called ſuffragans of this realme. And that euery archebyſhop & byſhop of this realme and of Wales, and els where within the kinges dominions, beinge diſpoſed to haue any ſuffragane, ſhall & may at their liberties name and electe, that is to ſay, euery of them for their peculier dioceſe, two honeſt and diſcrete ſpiritual perſons, beinge lerned and of good conuerſation, and thoſe two perſons ſo by them to be named, ſhall preſent to the kinges highnes by their writyng vnder their ſeales, making humble requeſt to his maieſtie, to gyue to one ſuche of the ſaide two perſons, as ſhall pleaſe his maieſtie, ſuche tytle name ſtyle & dignitie of byſhop of ſuche of the ſees aboue ſpecified, as the kinges highnes ſhall thinke moſt cõuenient for the ſame. And that the kinges maieſtie vpon euery ſuche preſentation, ſhall haue full power & auctoritie to gyue to one of thoſe two perſons, ſo to his highnes to be preſented, the ſtyle tytle and name of a byſhop of ſuche of the ſees afore ſaid, as to his maieſtie ſhall be thought moſte conuenient & expedient, ſo it be within the ſame prouince, wherof the byſſhop that dothe name hym is. And that euery ſuche perſon, to whom the kynges highnes ſhall gyue any ſuche ſtyle & tytle, of any of the ſees afore named, ſhall be called byſhop ſuffragane of the ſame ſee: whervnto he ſhall be named. And after ſuche tytle ſtyle and name ſo gyuen, as is aforeſaide, the kinges maieſtie ſhall preſent euery ſuche perſon by his letters patentes vnder his great ſeale, to the archebyſhop of Canturbury, if the towne wherof he hath his tytle, be within the prouince of Canturbury, and lykewyſe to the archebyſhop of Yorke, if the towne wherof he hath his tytle, be within the prouince of Yorke, ſignifieng and declarynge by the ſame letters patentes, the the name of perſon preſented, and the ſtyle & tytle of dignitie of byſhopriche, whervnto he ſhall be nominated: requiring the ſame archebyſhop, to whome ſuch letters patentes ſhall be directed, to cõſecrate the ſayde perſon ſo nominate & preſented, to ſ ſame name tytle ſtyle & dignitie of byſhop: that he ſhall be nominate & preſented

Suffragans.

Sees of byſſhops ſuffragans.

Sanctuary. benefite or priuilege of any maner of sainctuarie, consideringe that matters of treasons toucheth so nigh both the surette of the kynge our souereygne lordes person, and his heires and successours.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the kinges subiectes denisens or other, do cõmitte or practise out of the limittes of this realme in any outwarde parties, any such offenses, which by this acte are made, or hertofore haue be made treason, that then such treasons what so euer they be, or where so euer they shall happen so to be done or cõmitted shall be inquired, and presented by the othes of twelue good & laufull men, Othes. vpon good and probable euidence and witnes in such shire & countie of this realme, and before such persons, as it shall please the kinges highnes to appoynt by cõmission vnder his great seale, in like maner & fourme as treasons cõmitted within this realme, haue ben vsed to be inquired of and presented, and that vpon euery inditemẽt & presentment founden and made of any such treasons, and certified into the kynges benche, like proces & other circumstaunce shall be there had and made agaynst the offenders, as if the same treasons so presented had be lawfully founde to be done and cõmitted within the limittes of this realme. And that all proces of outlarie hereafter to be made and had within this realme, againste any offendours in treason, beinge reslaunt or inhabited out of the limittes of this realme, or in any of Outlawry. the parties of beyonde the sea, at the time of the outlarie pronounced against them, shall be as good and as effectuall in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, as if such offendours had be resident and dwellynge within this realme, at the tyme of such proceste awarded and outlarie pronounced.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery offender and offenders beinge hereafter laufully conuicte of any maner of high treasons by presentment confession verdicte or proceste of outlarye, according to the due course and custome of the common lawes of this realme, shall lose and forfaite to the kynges highnes his heires and successours, all suche landes tenementes & hereditamentes, which any such offender or offenders shall haue of any estate of inheritaunce in vse or possession, by any right tytle or meanes within this realme of Englãd, or els where within any the kinges dominions, at the tyme of any such treason committed, or any time after. Sauinge to euery persone and persons, their heires and successours, other then the offenders in any treasons, theyr heyres and successours, and suche person and persons, as claime to any their vses, all such rygh̃tes tytles interestes possessions leases rentes offices & other profites, whiche they shall haue at the day of committinge such treasons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ An acte for nomination and consecration of suffragans within this realme. capt. xiiii.

ALbe it that sythen the begynnynge of this present parlyament, good and honourable ordynaunces and statutes haue ben made and esta-

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bysshed for elections presentations consecrations and inuesting of archebyshoppes and byshoppes of this realme, and in all other the kynges dominions, with all ceremonyes appertaynynge vnto the same, as by sondry statutes therof made more at large is specified: yet neuertheles no prouision hytherto hath ben made for suffragans, whiche haue ben accustomed to be had within this realme for the more spedy administration of the sacramentes and other good holsome & deuoute thynges, and laudable ceremonyes, to the encrease of goddis honour, and for the cõmoditie of good & deuoute people. Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the townes of Thetford, Ippeswiche, Colchester, Douer, Exford, Southampton, Taunton, Shaftesburye, Molton, Marlebourghe, Bedforde, Leicester, Glocester, Shrewesburye, Bristowe, Penrethe, Brydgewater, Nottyngham, Grauntham, Hulle, Huntyngdon, Cambridge, and the townes of Pereth and Berwyke, sayncte Garmaynes in Cornewall, and the Isle of wight, shall be taken & accepted for sees of byshops suffragans to be made in this realme and in Wales, and the bishops of such sees shal be called suffragans of this realme. And that euery archebyshop & byshop of this realme and of Wales, and els where within the kinges dominions, beinge disposed to haue any suffragane, shall & may at their liberties name and electe, that is to say, euery of them for their peculier diocese, two honest and discrete spiritual persons, beinge lerned and of good conuersation, and those two persons so by them to be named, shall present to the kinges highnes by their writyng vnder their seales, making humble request to his maiestie, to gyue to one suche of the saide two persons, as shall please his maiestie, suche tytle name style & dignitie of byshop of suche of the sees aboue specified, as the kinges highnes shall thinke most conuenient for the same. And that the kinges maiestie vpon euery suche presentation, shall haue full power & auctorite to gyue to one of those two persons, so to his highnes to be presented, the style tytle and name of a byshop of suche of the sees afore said, as to his maiestie shall be thought moste conuenient & expedient, so it be within the same prouince, wherof the byshop that dothe name hym is. And that euery suche person, to whom the kynges highnes shall gyue any suche style & tytle, of any of the sees afore named, shall be called byshop suffragane of the same see: wherunto he shall be named. And after suche tytle style and name so gyuen, as is aforesaide, the kinges maiestie shall present euery suche person by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, to the archebyshop of Canturbury, if the towne wherof he hath his tytle, be within the prouince of Canturbury, and lykewyse to the archebyshop of Yorke, if the towne wherof he hath his tytle, be within the prouince of Yorke, signifieng and declarynge by the same letters patentes, the the name of person presented, and the style & tytle of dignitie of byshopriche, wherunto he shall be nominated: requiring the same archebyshop, to whome such letters patentes shall be directed, to cõsecrate the sayde person so nominate & presented, to the same name tytle style & dignitie of byshop: that he shall be nominate & presented

Suffragans.

Sees of byshops suffragans.

sented vnto, and to gyue hym all such consecratiõs benedictions & ceremonies, as to the degre and office of a byshop suffragan shall be requisite.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that all & euery such person and persons, as shall be nominated elected presented and consecrate, as is afore rehersed, shall be taken accepted and reputed, in al degrees and places accordinge to the style tyele name and dignitie that he shal be so presented vnto, and haue suche capacitie power & auctorite, honour, preeminence, and reputation, in as large and ample maner in and concernyng the execution of suche commission, as by any of the saide archebyshops or byshops within theyr dioces shall be gyuen to the sayd suffragans, as to suffragans of this realme heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed.

Letters patentes.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that euery archebishop of this realme, to whom any the kinges letters patentes in the cases afore rehersed, shall be directed, hauyng no lawfull impediment, shal performe & accomplyshe the effectes & contentes of this acte within the tyme of .iii. monethes next after such letters patentes shall come to their handes, any vsage customes foreyn lawes priuileges prescriptions or other thinge or thinges heretofore vsed had or done to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that no suche suffragans, whiche shall be made and consecrate by vertue & auctorite of this act, shall take or perceyue any maner of profites of the places & sees, wherof they shal be named, nor vse haue or execute any iurisdiction or episcopall power or auctorite within their sayd sees, nor within any dioces or place of this realme, or els where within the kinges dominions, but only suche profites iurisdiction power & auctoritie, as shal be licenced & limitted to themto take do & execute by any archbyshop or byshop of this realme within their dioces, to whom they shall be suffragãs by their cõmission vnder their seales. And that euery archbishop and bishop of this realme, for their owne peculier dioces, may & shall gyue suche cõmission or cõmissions to euery such byshop suffragan, as shal be so consecrate by auctorite of this act, as hath ben accustomed for suffragans heretofore to haue, or els such cõmission as by them shal be thought requisite reasonable & conuenient. And that no suche suffragan shall vse any iurisdiction ordinary, or episcopal power, otherwise nor longer time than shal be limitted by such cõmission to hym to be giuen as is aforesaid, vpõ peyne to incurre into the peynes losses forfaitures and penalties mencioned in ỹ statute of prouisions, made in the .xvi. yere of kinge Richarde the seconde.

Archebishop and byshop.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that the bishop that shall nominate the suffragan to the kinges highnes, or the suffragan hym selfe that shal be nominate, shall prouide two byshoppes or suffraganes to consecrate hym with the archebyshop, and shall beare their reasonable costes.

¶ Prouided also that the residence of hym that shall be suffragan ouer ỹ dioces, where he shall haue commyssyon, shall serue hym for his residence as sufficiently, as if he were resident vpon any other his benefice, any acte, heretofore made to the contrary not withstandynge.

Be it

Be it further enacted, that all ſuche ſuffraganes, as ſhall hereafter exer- Benefice with cure.
ciſe thoffices aforeſaid, by the cõmiſſion of the biſhop, for the better maintenaunce of his dignitie, may haue two benefices with cure, any former acte made to the contrary not withſtandynge.

An acte for takynge awaye certayne exactions taken within the archedeaconrye of Richemonde by ſpirituall men. cap. xv.

For as moche as dyuers & many the kynge our ſouerayne lordes ſubiectes, inhabited within the archedeaconrye of Richemonde, in the countie of Yorke, be and of longe tyme haue ben ſore and greuouſly exacted and impoueryſhed by the perſons vicars and others ſuche as haue benefices and ſpirituall promotions within the ſame, as by takynge of euery perſon, whan he dyethe, in the name of a penſyon or of a porcyon, ſomtyme the nynth parte of all his goodes and cattals, and ſomtyme the thyrde parte, to the open and manyfeſt impoueryſhing of moſte parte of all the kinges poore ſubiectes, inhabited & deceaſing within the ſame. Wherfore be it ordeyned enacted and eſtabliſhed by the kyng our Archedeaconry of Richemond.
ſouerayne lorde the lordes, ſpiritual and temporall, and the cõmons in this preſent parliamẽt aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that from the feaſt of ſaynt Marke the euãgelyſt nexte cõmynge, no maner of ſpirituall perſon or others nowe haunynge, or that from the ſayd feaſt ſhall haue any maner of benefice, or other ſpirituall promotion within the ſayd archedeaconrye, ſhall in no wyſe aſke leuye demaunde or take, after the diſceaſſe of any perſon or perſons any ſuche penſions or porcions, nor any other de- Penſion or portion.
maunde or duetie, in the name or lue of the ſame, vpon peyne to incurre ſuch daungers forfaytures & penalities, as be conteyned in the ſtatute of proui-ſours, made in the .xxv. yere of the reygne of your moſte noble progenitour kinge Edwarde the thyrde: But that all & euery the kinges ſubiectes of the ſayd archedeaconry, & their executours & adminiſtratours, from henſforth ſhall be ordred entreated & vſed for their goodes and cattalles after their deceaſſe, in lyke maner fourme order and condicion, as is conteyned in the ſtatute made in the. xxi. yere of your moſte noble and victorious reygne for probate of teſtamentes, and none otherwyſe, any vſe cuſtome bull compoſition preſcription or ordinaunce heretofore had obteyned or vſed to the contrary, within the forſayd archedeaconry, in any wyſe not withſtandinge.

An acte for makynge of worſtedes in the citie of Norwiche, and in the townes of Lynne and yarmouth. cap. xvi.

Where at a parliament holden at London the .xv. daye of Aprill, in the .xiiii. yere of the raygne of our ſouerayne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and from thens adiourned to Weſtmynſter, the laſte daye of July, in the .xv. yere of our ſayd ſouerayne lorde,

and there ended: It was ordeined enacted & established, that the craftis me
worstede weuers. called worstede weuers, inhabited in the towne of great yermouthe, shulde
haue power & auctorite by that acte from thens forwarde, to electe & chose
yerely for euer, on the munday nexte after the feast of Pentecost, one honest
yermouthe. man of the mystery & occupation of worstede weuers, beinge an house hol-
der within the saide towne of great yermouthe, and hauynge of his proper
goodes and cattals to the value of .x.li. at the least, or londes & tenementes
to his owne vse of estate of free holde at the least, to the clere yerely value of
xx.s. to be wardeyn of the same crafte & mystery of worstede weuers for the
yere nexte ensuing, which man so elected & chosen, shuld personally appere
before the mayre of the citie of Norwiche for the time beinge, the mundaye
nexte after the feast of corpus Christi, then nexte ensuing, then and there to
be sworne and charged by lyke othe, concerninge the true and substanciall
makynge of worstedes sayes and stampynes within the sayd towne of great
Norwiche. yermouth, as the .iiii. wardeyns of the sayd citie of Norwiche, by vertue of
an acte of parliament, made in the .vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth,
were charged & sworne for the same citie of Norwiche. And if the said mayre
happened to be absēt the said munday next after corpus Christi, or els then
refused to receiue or take the said othe, then the said wardeyn so electe with-
in .iiii. dayes nexte after the same munday, shuld come before the bayliffes
of the said towne of great yermouthe, for the tyme beinge, or before one of
them, the other beinge absent, and then and there receyue a corporall othe
for the true exercising of the same office of wardeynshyp, after the tenour of
the othe accustomably vsed to be gyuen to the sayd wardeyns of the said ci-
tie of Norwiche, and then the said wardeyn of the said towne of great yer-
mouth for the tyme beinge, so electe and sworne, myght ordeyne & appoynt
a seale with this letter, Y, to be grauen in the same seale, and might haue ful
power and auctorite to viewe serche seale, and seale in leade with the same
seale, so to be appoynted and engrauen, and none other, all worstedes sayes
and stampynes within the saide towne of yermouth, & suburbes of the same,
made or to be made, & not els where, in as large & ample maner as the said
wardeins of the said citie of Norwiche, and the wardeyns of the countie of
Norffolke or any of the, had within the saide citie or countie, or in any wise
may do in that behalfe by auctorite or vertue of the afore remembred acte,
made in the saide seuenth yere of kinge Edwarde the fourth any thinge in
the same conteyned to the contrarye therof not withstandinge. And that no
person inhabited within the saide towne of greate yermouthe or suburbes
therof, shulde weaue any worstedes, sayes, or stampynes, within the same
towne, excepte he be an englysheman borne, and had ben a prentise to the
saide occupation, & without he weaued there such proper markes as shulde
be limitted and appointed by the saide wardeyne of the saide towne for the
time beinge, electe and sworne as is afore saide, vpon peyne of forfayture
therof to the kyng our soueraigne lorde. And that euery wardeyne of the
Markes. saide towne shuld lymitte distincte and seuer al markes to euery of the said

worsted

worsted weauers of the same towne of greate Yarmouthe, and the same markes by the saide wardeyne to be registred in a boke.

¶ And also it was further enacted, that if and when so euer the towne of Lynne shulde be inhabited with .x. sondry householders or more nombre of householders, exercisinge and vsinge the saide crafte or mistery of worstede weauers, then and from thenseforthe, that is to saye, as longe as the same towne of Lynne shulde be inhabited with the nombre of .x. suche householders at the leaste, it shulde be lefull to the same inhabitauntes of the saide towne of Lynne, yerely in the mundaye nexte after the feast of Pentecost, to electe & chose of them selfe one wardeyne of the saide crafte and mystery of worsted weauers, to be of the value in landes and goodes as is aforesaide of the wardeynes of yarmouthe, whiche wardeyne so electe, shulde yerely be sworne and charged at the saide citie of Norwiche, in like maner and at like day, as is before limitted to the wardeynes of yarmouth, or in defaute of the saide mayre of Norwiche, then the saide wardeyn so to be electe for the said towne of Lynne, to take a corporal othe before the mayre of the said towne, within suche time, and after suche forme as is before limitted vnto the said wardeyne of yarmouthe. And that the saide wardeyne of the sayd towne of Lynne for the tyme beinge so electe and sworne by him selfe, myght ordeine and appoynt a seale with this letter, L, to be grauen in the seale, and myght haue full power and auctoritie, to viewe serche seale and seale, in leade with the same seale to be grauen, and with none other, all worstedes, sayes, and stampnes, within the saide towne of Linne and subarbes of the same, made or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner, as the said wardeyne of the saide citie of Norwiche, and wardeyne of the sayd countie of Norfolke, or any of them, had within the saide citie or countie, or other wise myght do by auctoritie or vertue of the aforesaid acte, made in the said seuenth yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth, any thing conteined in the same acte to the contrary not withstandinge. Lynne. Seale.

¶ And that no person inhabited within the saide towne of Lynne or subarbes therof, shuld make any worstedes sayes or stampns within the same towne, excepte he were englyshe borne, and had ben apprentice to the same occupation, and without he weaued therin suche proper marke, as shuld be limitted & appoynted by the said wardeyns of the same towne of Lynne for the tyme beynge, vpon peyne of forfayture therof to the kyng our soueraine lorde. And that euery wardeyne of the said towne, shuld symitte distinct and seuer all markes to euery of the saide worsted weauers of the same towne, and the same markes by the saide wardeyne to be registred in a boke. Apprentice.

¶ And it was further enacted, that from the feast of sainct Michaell tharchaungell then nexte folowynge, vnto suche tyme as the said towne of Lyn shuld be inhabited with the said nomber of .x. householders of the said crafte of worsted weauers, and alwayes after when the nomber of .x. householders shuld happen to faple and not be inhabited in the said towne of Lynne, the saide wardeynes of the saide citie of Norwiche and their successours, shuld

pꝛocure & cause one of them selfes oꝛ one of the wardeynes of the said craft of the said countie of Noꝛffolke, personally to come & be euery .xxviii. daye from and after the saide feaste of sainct Michaell the archangell in and to the saide towne of Lynne, oꝛ within .vi. dayes next after euery such .xxviii. day, and there to contynue and abyde by so longe tyme, as he myghte serch and seale all such woꝛsted es sayes and stampnes, made in the same towne of Lynne, as then shuld be bꝛought to hym to be sealed within the space of one hole daye. And the said inhabitauntes of woꝛsted weauers of the same towne of Lynne beinge, shulde content and paye to the saide wardeynes of Noꝛwiche oꝛ Noꝛf. whiche shulde so come to Lynne, in the saide .xxviii. day, oꝛ within the .vi. dayes next after the .xxviii. day, foꝛ his costes and expences foꝛ euery tyme that he shulde so come to Lynne, betwene the feastes of sainct Michaell the archaungell, and the Annuntiation of our lady sainct Marye .iii. ℔. and foꝛ euery tyme that he shulde so come to the saide towne of Lynne, betwene the feast of the Annuntiation of our lady, and the feast of sainct Michaell the archaungell .ii. ℔. And if the saide inhabitauntes of woꝛsted weauers of the saide towne of Lynne dyd not content and paye to the saide wardeyne, comminge to Linne in fourme aforesaide, foꝛ his saide costes and charges, the saide .iii. ℔. oꝛ .ii. ℔. as is aboue limitted, than the same inhabitauntes shulde foꝛfaite and paye to the saide wardeyne, oꝛ to his executours foꝛ euery such defaute of payment .xl. ℔. And yf none of the said wardeines of Noꝛwiche and Noꝛf. come to the saide towne of Lynne, foꝛ the cause aforesaide, in maner and fourme aboue remembꝛed, that the saide wardeynes of the sayde citie of Noꝛwiche shulde foꝛfayte and pay to the sayd inhabitauntes of Lynne of the saide misterye of woꝛsted weauers, foꝛ euery suche defaulte .xl. ℔. foꝛ recompence of the penaltie and foꝛ fayres, the said wardeynes of Noꝛwiche oꝛ Noꝛf. beinge therunto intitled by that acte by his pꝛoper name, with this addition, that is to saye, *Vnus gardianorum*, oꝛ *Nuper unius gardianorum, artis siue misterie textorum panni lanei uocat. VVorsted in ciuitate Norvvici. uel com. Norff.* as the truthe requireth, shulde and might haue action of dette by wꝛytte bylle oꝛ playnte in any competent oꝛ lawfull courte of this realme, agaynste the inhabytauntes of Lynne of the said mysterie foꝛ the time beinge, by their sundꝛye pꝛoper names, and the said inhabitauntes by their sayde names, with this addition, *Textorum panni lanei uocat. VVorst. inhabitantes ville de Lynne*, shulde and myght haue lyke action of dette agaynste the said wardeynes of Noꝛwych, by the name of *Gardianatus siue misterie textorum pannorum laneorum, uocat. VVorsted. infra ciuitatem Norvvci uel com. Norff.* to be vsed to good congruities of latyne, and fouꝛme of the lawes of this realme, in whiche actions oꝛ any of them, none essoyne pꝛotection oꝛ wager of lawe shulde be suffered oꝛ allowed. And that the particular bodyes oꝛ goodes of any of the saide wardeynes oꝛ inhabitauntes, beinge condempned in any of the said actions, shulde and myght be put in execution, after such maner and fourme, as is vsed in an action of dette by course of the common lawe of this realme.

wardeines.

And

¶And moze ouer it is enacted, that all clothes of wozstedes sayes and stampes, made within any of the saide townes of Lynne and great yermouth oz subburbes of the same, oz any of them, and marked with suche marbes, as shulde be limitted to the markers, by the said wardens of the said towne, in maner and fourme as is aboue said, and viewed and sealed by any of the sayde wardeynes of the said townes of Lynne and yermouthe, in fourme remembzed, by foze and vertue of the said acte mighte be laufully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same, without any other marbynge oz sealinge vpon the same clothes, oz vpon any of them to be had oz made, of oz vpon any of the saide clothes, foz lacke of any other seales oz markes, any thynge conteyned in the saide. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth to the contrary not withstandinge.

Clothes of wozstedes, sayes, & stampes.

¶And ouer this it was enacted, that euery craftes man of the said mistery and occupation of wozstede makinge, dwellynge within any of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouth, and subburbes of the same, at their owne free willes and liberties from thensfozth foz euer, might haue and take appzentice oz appzentices, beinge male of the age of. xviii. yeres and vpwarde, and beinge the kinges naturall subiectes, foz terme of. vii. yeres, and not vnder so that none of them excede the numbze of two at ones, to lerne vse and exercise the saide crafte within eyther of the saide two townes of Lynne and great yarmouth, and subburbes of the same: all be it the father of the said appzentice oz appzentices myght not expend in landes oz tenementes, to the yerely value of twentie shillinges: any acte oz ozdinaunce to the contrary made oz to be made not withstandinge.

¶Pzouided alwaye that the same acte, oz any thinge therin conteyned, shoulde not in any wise be hurtfull oz pzeiudiciall to the mayze of Nozwyche, oz to his succellour, oz to the wardeines of the saide citie oz countie, oz to theyz succellours, in any poynte oz article power oz auctozitie, other then foz weauynge, serchynge, and sealynge of wozstedes sayes and stampnes, made oz to be made onely within the said townes of Lynne and yermouth, oz subburbes of the same, oz to any of them, and foz limittinge of markes, to the makers of wozstedes, sayes, and stampnes, onely inhabited in eyther of the said townes oz subburbes therof, and takinge of appzentices in fozme aboue remembzed: but that the saide mayze of the saide citie of Nozwyche, and wardens of the same citie and countie, and euery of them, might haue and vse all other poyntes, artycles, powers, and auctozities conteyned and specified in the aboue remembzed acte, made in the said. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, as well foz the serche sealynge cozrection and refozmation of the sayde wardeynes, newely, to be elected by the vertue of the same acte, and euery of them, accozdynge and after suche fourme as they mighte do oz vse any of the saide wardeynes of the saide citie oz countie, by foze of the saide acte, made in the saide. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the iiii. as all and euery other inquyries, cozrections serches sealynges and refozmations to be hadde foz the true makinge of wozstedes, sayes, and stampnes,

myns, in and vpon any person or persones, as well within the said townes of Lynne and yermouth, as without, without trouble lette or veration of any of the inhabitauntes of the saide towne, in as large and ample wise, as they might haue done before the makinge of the saide acte, any thinge conteyned in the same acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ And also it was further prouided and enacted, that the said craftes men of worsted weauers, inhabited or after that to be inhabited within eyther of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouth or subarbes of the same, and the marchauntes, or any other person or persons, whiche shulde happen to bye of the same craftes men, or any of them, or any other person, any of the said clothes of worstedes says or stamins, made or to be made within eyther of the said townes of Lynne and yermouth, and sealed by the said wardens of the same townes, to be electe and sworne, as is aforesaid, and any of them shulde not there dye or put in colour, or calender any worstedes stamines or sayes, made, or after that to be made within eyther of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouth, and subbarbes of the same, in any other place or places, but only within the saide citie of Norwiche, or subbarbes of the same, vpon peyne of forfayture of euery pece of worstedes sayes or stamins, to be made within any of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouthe or subbarbes of the same, or the value therof, shorne, dyed, coloured, or kalendred by any of the said craftes men, byers, or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the saide cities of Norwiche, or subbarbes of the same. The one halfe therof to be to the king our soueraine lord, & the other half therof to such persone or persons, as shulde sease the same. so that the saide worstedes brought to the saide citie of Norwiche to be shorne dyed colored and kalendred, without couyne or crafte of any of the saide inhabitauntes and marchantes, myght be shorne dyed colored and kalendred at and by as conuenient price or prices, & in as redy wise, as the saide inhabitauntes of eyther of the said townes of Lynne and yermouth, and marchantes byers of the sayd worstedes, or other of the saide citie and countie, had had in tymes paste, or after that shulde haue. And also that the same inhabitauntes and marchantes and euery of them so brynging the saide worstedes to the same citie to be shorne dyed coloured and kalẽdred, were reasonably and laufully intreated accordinge to the saide acte, made in the saide. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the. iiii. and the ordinance made and affirmed, or therafter to be made and affirmed for the sayde misterie, without let or disturbance, contrary to the same acte or ordinaunce in that behalfe.

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¶ And it was further enacted, that no persone or persons, any tyme after that shulde conuey or transporte in to any of the parties of beyonde the sea, any maner of clothes of worstedes, before the same clothes were shorn dide coloured and kalendred, vpon peyne of forfaiture the value therof: the one halfe to the kynge our soueraine lorde, and the other halfe therof to the partie that will sue therfore, by action or plaint of det in any of the kinges courtes, in which action or suite no protection or essoyne shuld be alowed, nor the

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defendour admitted to wage his lawe, as by the said acte therof made more playnly appereth: which acte was made to endure vnto the nexte parliament, wherby it is nowe expired. In consideration wherof, and for as much as the same acte is a good and necessarie acte for the true making of worstedes, sayes, and stamins, and very commodious & profitable for the increase of the saide townes of Yermouth and Lynne, be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, that the same acte, and euery article sentence and prouision therin conteyned, shal from henceforth be continued and stande for euer in full strength and vertue.

¶ An act that no fermours of spirituall persons shalbe cõpelled or charged to pay for their lessours first fruites or yeres pension for the tenth graunted to the kynges highnes. Cap. xvii.

For certayne reasonable and vrgent considerations, mouynge the kynges most high courte of parlyament, it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of the same, that all and syngular fermours and lessees of any manours, lordeshippes, landes, tenementes, Fermours. Lessees.
or other hereditamentes, personages, vycarages, portyons of tithes, or other what so euer profyttes or commodities, belongynge to any archebyshoppe, byshoppe, or other prelate or spirituall personne or personnes, or spirituall body corporate or polytique, wherof any first fruites or yerely pension of the tenth parte is graunted to the kynge our soueraigne lord in this present session of the saide courte of parliament, shall be discharged and not chargeable to pay to oure saide soueraigne lorde of his or their proper money coste or charge, for or in discharge of the lessour or lessours, owner or owners of the same, by reason of any couenaunte, bargayne, bonde, condition, clause of reentre, or other thinge heretofore made or concluded, but that euery of the saide lessours and owners, and their successours, shall be charged and chargeable to pay and satisfie the same of his or their proper coste and charge, to the kynge our soueraigne lorde, his heires & successours accordyng to the graunt therof: any couenaunt, bargayne, contracte, bond, condition, clause of reentre, or other thyng heretofore made or concluded to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandinge.

¶ An acte concerninge the kynges generall and free pardone graunted by his highnes. cap. xviii.

THE KINGES MOSTE ROYALL maiestie prudently consyderynge, that all be it his highnes of his moste excellent pitie benignitie and mercy, manyfolde tymes heretofore mercifully and liberally hath graunted his most gracious free and generall pardone, to all and syngular his subiectes Pardon generall & free.

iectes, by the which his maieſtie hath remitted and releaſed innumerable and ineſtimable ſubſtaunce and profytes, which he mought haue laufully take and had by the lawes and cuſtomes of this his realme, truſting by his often remiſſion pardone and mercy, miniſtred to his ſubiectes, to allure offenders from vice to vertue, and that they wold put their diligent deuoires to amend and reformme their abuſes: yet neuertheles his louyng and obedient ſubiectes, ſithens his laſt moſt gratious and liberal pardons to them graunted, haue incurred into innumerable penalties loſſes forfaitures and damages, wherof fewe or none of them are able to make ful recompence or condigne ſatiſfaction to his highnes, if his maieſtie ſhuld procede agaynſt them by due courſe of his lawes, truſtinge that now from henſforth they wyll eftſones amende and beware the incurryng of the forſaide daungers and perilles, ſeynge they haue had ſo many admonitions and gentyll warninges: And percepuinge alſo the great zele and affection, whiche his louynge ſubiectes beare vnto him and his dignitie royal, as by many wayes in this preſent parlyament they haue declared and ſhewed. In conſideration wherof, and truſtinge as afore, the kinges highnes to ſhew vnto his louynge ſubiectes, that he both can and will conſider, when he is both kyndly and louyngly handled of them, vpon his mere motion, and to declare alſo his tender loue and affection, whiche he beareth vnto his Nobilitie and ſubiectes, accordyng to his accuſtomable goodnes, is contented and pleaſed at this time to extende his pitie mercie and benignitie to all and ſingular his ſubiectes of this his realme of England, Wales, the yles of Jerneſey and Garneſey, Barwyke, and Caleis, and the marches of the ſame by way of his free pardon and remiſſion, as hereafter foloweth, rather couepting their amendementes by gentill, and merciful meanes, then to be enriched by their euill dedes and offences. And for that his ſaide free pardone and remiſſiō to be had taken and enioyed to and by them and euery of them by vertue of this preſent acte, his grace is fullye and reſolutely contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to ſaye: that all and euery of his ſaide ſubiectes, as well ſpirituall as temporall of this his realme of Englande, Wales, the ſaid Yles of Jerneſey, and Garneſey, Berwike, & Caleis, and the marches of the ſame, the heires ſucceſſours executours and adminyſtratours of them & of euery of them, and all and ſingular bodies in any maner of wyſe corporate, cities, boroughes, ſhires, riddinges, hūdredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithinges, and of euery of them, and the ſucceſſour and ſucceſſours of euery of them, ſhalbe by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, acquited, pardoned, releaſed, and diſcharged ayenſt the kinges highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours and executours and euery of them, of all maner of felonyes offences contemptes treſpaſſes wronges deceiptes myſdemeanours forfaytures penalties and profites, ſummes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecuniary, and generally of all other thinges, cauſes, quarels, ſuites, iudgementes, & executions

tutions in this present acte hereafter not excepted nor forprised, which may be or can be by his highnes in any wise or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the third day of the moneth of Nouember, in the.xxvi.yere of his moste noble raigne, to euery or any of his said subiectes, bodies corporate, Cities, boroughes, Shires, Riddinges, Hūdredes, Lathes, rapes, wapentakes, Townes, villages, and tithinges, or to any of them.

¶ And also the kinges highnes is cōtented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that his said free pardon shalbe as good & effectuall in the law to euery of his said subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, & to euery of them by the said generall wordes before rehersed, in and ageinste all thinges, which be not hereafter in this present act excepted, as the same pardon shuld haue ben, if al offences, contemptes, forfaitures, causes, matters, suites, quarels, iudgementes, executions, penalities, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, had ben partycularly, singularly, specially, and plainly named rehersed and specified, and also pardoned by proper & expresse wordes & names in their kindes natures & qualities, by wordes and termes therunto requisite, to haue ben put & expressed in this present acte of free pardone: And that his said subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heires executours or administratours of any of them, nor any of the saide bodies corporate & others before named, or any of them, be nor shall be sued vexed or inquieted, in their bodies goodes landes or cattalles for any maner matter, cause, contempte, misdemenour, forfayture, trespas, offence, or any other thinge suffred done or committed before the said third day of Nouembre, agaynst his highnes, his crowne, dignitie, prerogatife, lawe or statutes: but oneiy for suche matters, causes, & offēces, as be plainly rehersed in the exceptions in this present acte hereafter mentioned, & for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vse, or presidēt, heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Also the kinges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of this present parliament graunteth and freely gyueth to euery of his saide subiectes, and to euery of the said bodies corporate, and other before rehersed, and to euery of them, all such goodes, cattals, dettes, fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaitures, and summes of money, by any of them forfayted: whiche to his highnes do or shuld belonge or appertayne by reason of any offence contempte trespace misdemeanour matter cause or quarell, suffred done or committed by them or any of them, before the saide thirde day of Nouember, whiche be not hereafter playnely forprised and excepted in this present acte. And that all and euery the kinges saide subiectes, and all and singular bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, may by him or thē selfe, or his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their atturney or atturneyes, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, pleade and minister this present act of free pardon for his or their discharge of and for euery thinge, that is by vertue of this present acte pardoned, discharged, gyuen, or graunted, without any fee or other thinge in any wyse payenge

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to any person or persons for writinge or entree of any such pleadinge of the said pardone, or for entree of the iudgemente, or other cause concernynge suche plee, writinge or entree, but onely. xii.d. to be payde to the officer or clerke that shal entre the plee matter or iudgement for the parties discharge in that behalfe, any statute or vse to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ And furthermore the kynges highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that his sayde free pardon by the generall wordes before rehersed, shall be reputed demed & iudged, allowed and taken in all maner courtes of his lawes, and elles where as well in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions and korprises specified in this present acte, as in all and singular other clauses wordes and sentences, mentioned and rehersed in the saide free pardon, most beneficially and auaylably to all and singular his saide subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, and to euery of them, and most strongely in barre and discharge agaynste his highnes, his heires, successours, and executours in euery thynge, without any obstacle, ambiguitie, chalenge, or other delaye what so euer it shall be, to be made, pleaded, objected, or alleged by the king our soueraigne lorde, his heires, successours, or executours, or by his or any of their general atturney or atturneys, or by any other person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heires, successours, or executours.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the kynge oure soueraigne lorde, and by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that yf any officer or clerke of any of his high courtes, commenly called the kynges benche, Chauncerie and common place, or of his escheker, or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within his realme, at any tyme after the feaste of Epiphanie of our lorde god nexte cõmynge, make out or write out any maner writtes or other proces, or any extreates sommons or other preceptes, whereby any of the saide subiectes, or any of the saide bodies corporate, or others before rehersed, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distreyned, sommoned, or other wise vexed inquieted or greued, in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattalles, or in any of them, for or by cause of any maner of thynge pardoned or discharged by vertue of this act of free pardon, he so offendinge, and therof lawfully condempned, shal yelde and pay for recompence therof to the partie so greued or offended, treble damages (accompted as parcell of these damages all costes of the suite) And neuer the les al and singular such writtes, proces, extreates, and preceptes so to be made for or vpon any maner thing pardoned or discharged by this present acte of free pardon, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Excepted alwaye, and forprised out of the saide free pardon all maner of highe treasons, and misprisions of high treasons, and all suites punishementes forfaytures and penalties for or by reason or occasion of any of them, all prepensed and voluntary murders, al robberies of churches, and robberies done vpon mens parsons, all other felonies and robberies by the cõmon lawe, or felonious takyng of any money goodes or cattalles aboue

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the summe or value of.xx.ſ.all felonous burnynge of houses, all rauyshementes of women, and all and syngular accessaries to any the sayde murders, or murderers, felonies, robberies, brenninges, or rauyshementes, felons, robbers, brenners, and rauysshers, al outlaries of high treasons, and of misprisions of high treasons, and all maner of felonies, other than felonies of the summe or value of twentie shillinges, or vnder the same sum: and that all other outlaries had or promulged vpon or ageynste any person or persones for any cause, not beinge treason, misprision of hygh treasons, murder, or felonie aboue the saide summe of twentie shillinges, be and shall be pardoned by the generall wordes of this present acte of free pardon before written: so alwayes that ẏ same persons and euery of them, stande to right to aunswere or satisfie the partie, at whose suite he is outlawed, according to the lawes of this realme.

¶ Also excepted and forprised out of the said free pardon, all and singular conuictions & atteyndours of any person and persons, nowe beynge or remayning in any conuict prison, or in the custodie of any bisshop abbot or other spiritual person or ordinary, & euery of the same persons so atteinted or conuicted. And also all multipliers & nigromancers, multiplicatiōs, & nigromancies, and al suites impetitions processes and punishmentes for or vpon the same or any of them: And all titles and actions of Quare impedit, & al rauishementes of the kinges wardes, al wastes of the kynges woodes, and his forestes parkes or chases, al conceylmentes of customes and subsidies.

¶ And also excepted and forprised out of this pardon al inclosures and decayes of houses of husbandrie, made, done, committed, or permitted contrary to the forme or effecte of any statute or statutes heretofore made, and also al issues profites amerciamentes fynes and other penalties, which hereafter shall growe or be forfayted for any such inclosures or decayes, and al intrusions had made or done into any maners landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, sithen the feast of saincte Michaell the Archangell, whiche was in the.xxv.yere of the kynges most noble reigne: And al and syngular dettes, other then dettes growē vpon recognisances, beinge of the sum of fyftie poundes or vnder, and not aboue that summe, and being al redy forfayted for suretie, of the peace, or for apparance at any day or place.

¶ And excepted and forprised out of this pardon all accomptes, and al actions suites and impetitions for the same accomptes, and arrerages of accomptes, and for the said dettes or any of thē hereby excepted or forprised: all homages and relifes not done or not payde: al wilful escapes as wel of conuictes as other prisoners: and all dettes, whiche were due to the moste noble kynge of famous memorie kynge Henry the.vii. or to any persone or persons to his vse, by any condempnation, recognisaunce, obligation, or otherwise: al and syngular those forfaytures being due to our soueraigne lorde kyng Henry the.viii. by any penall statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of dette by iudgement, or by agrement of the offendours, before the saide thirde day of Nouember: & al forfaytures and other

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penalties and profittes growen or due by reason of any offence or acte, committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the cõmon lawe, wherof any seisure is made, or any informacion is gyuen in the kynges escheker, or any suite there commensed, before the said third day of September, or wherof the kynges highnes by his bill signed or otherwise, here tofore hath made any gifte or assignement to any of his seruauntes.

¶ And also excepted al issues forfaited, fynes, amercyamentes, affered, taxed, lette, extreated, or iudged severally, or particularye, extendynge to the sume of a C.li. or aboue that sũme, and that al and singular other fynes, as well fynes *Pro licencia concordandi*, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes, as well reall as other, whiche severally or particularly extende not to the saide sum of a hundred shillinges, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the shireffe or not taken to his charge, extreated or not extreated: whether they be tourned into or not in to det, and not benge leuyed nor receyued by any shireffe or shireffes, baylliffe, ministers, or other officers, shall be fully clerely and plainely pardoned and discharged agaynst the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours for euer by this present acte of free pardon.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that in case it be objected to or ayenst any shireffe or shireffes, or other accomptantes in the kinges courte of Excheker, or in any other his courtes, that any shireffe or shireffes, or other officers accomptant, hath receyued or taken any such fines, issues, or amerciamentes, by this present acte pardoned and acquited, that then euery suche shireffe & shireffes and other accomptantes, shall be discharged released pardoned and acquited therof by his or their othe, without any further triall in that behalf.

¶ Prouided alway, that this presente act of fre pardon, nor any thing therin conteyned, in any wise extende to discharge remit or acquite any persone or persones, for any suche issues, fines, and amerciamentes of one hundreth shillinges or vnder, as any shireffe heretofore hath accompted before the barons of the kynges Excheker or els where, and paide the same issues fynes and amercyamentes vpon his or theyr saide accompte, determyned to the kynges vse, and haue his or their *Quietus est*, for the same.

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VIII.

ACTES MADE IN THE seſsion of this preſent parlyament holden vpon prorogacion at Weſtm, the. IIII. day of February, in the. XXVII. yere of the reygne of our moſte drad ſoueraygne lorde kynge HENRY the. VIII. and there continued and kepte tyll the. XIIII. day of Apryll nert enſuyng. To the honour of God, and for the common weale and profyte of this realme.

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penalties and profittes growen or due by reason of any offence or acte, committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the cõmon lawe, wherof any seisure is made, or any informacion is gyuen in the kynges escheker, or any suite there commensed, before the said third day of November, or wherof the kynges highnes by his bill signed or otherwise, heretofore hath made any gifte or assignement to any of his seruauntes.

¶ And also excepted al issues forfaited, fynes, amercyamentes, affered, tared, lette, extreated, or iudged severally, or particularye, extendynge to the sume of a C. li. or aboue that sũme, and that al and singular other fynes, as well fynes *Pro licencia concordandi*, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes, as well reall as other, whiche severally or particularly extende not to the saide sum of a hundred shillinges, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the shireffe or not taken to his charge, extreated or not extreated: whether they be tourned into or not in to det, and not beinge leuyed nor receyued by any shireffe or shireffes, bayliffe, ministers, or other officers, shall be fully clerely and plainely pardoned and discharged agaynst the kyng our souereigne lord, his heires and successours for euer by this present acte of free pardon.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that in case it be objected to or ayenst any shireffe or shireffes, or other accomptantes in the kinges courte of Excheker, or in any other his courtes, that any shireffe or shireffes, or other officers accomptant, hath receyued or taken any such fines, issues, or amerciamentes, by this present acte pardoned and acquited, that then euery suche shireffe or shireffes and other accomptantes, shall be discharged released pardoned and acquited therof by his or their othe, without any further triall in that behalf.

¶ Prouided alway, that this present acte of fre pardon, nor any thing therin conteyned, in any wise extende to discharge remit or acquite any persone or persones, for any suche issues, fines, and amerciamentes of one hundreth shillinges or vnder, as any shireffe heretofore hath accompted before the barons of the kynges Excheker or els where, and paide the same issues fynes and amercyamentes vpon his or theyr saide accompte, determyned to the kynges vse, and haue his or their *Quietus est*, for the same.

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ACTES MADE IN THE seſsion of this preſent parlyament holden vpon prorogacion at Weſtñ, the. IIII. day of February, in the. XXVII. yere of the reygne of our moſte drad ſoueraygne lorde kynge HENRY the. VIII. and there continued and kepte tyll the. XIIII. day of Apryll next enſuyng. To the honour of God, and for the common weale and profyte of this realme.

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For ſo muche as dyuers and many houſes meſuages & tenemētes of habitacions in the townes of Notyngha, Shrewſbury, Ludlowe, Bridgenorth, Quynborowe, Northampton, and Gloceſter, nowe are, and of longe tyme haue bene in great ruine and decay, and ſpecially in the principalle and chiefe ſtretes there beyng, in the whiche chiefe ſtretes in tymes paſſed haue bene beautyfull dwellyng houſes, there welle inhabyted, which at this day muche parte therof is deſolate, and voide groundes with pyttes, ſellers, and vaultes, lyeng open and vncouered, very perillous for people to go by in the nyght, without ieoperdye of lyfe: whiche decayes are to the great impouerishyng and hinderaunce of the ſame townes. For the remedy whereof, it maie pleaſe the kyng our ſouerayne lorde, by thaſſent of his lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this preſent parlyamente aſſembled, and by the auctoritee of the ſame, it may be enacted, that if the owner or owners of any ſuche voyde and decayed houſes or groundes, within the precint of the ſaid townes of Notyngham, Shrewſbury, Ludlowe, Gloceſter, Bridgenorth, Quynborowe, and Northampton, within iii. yeres next after proclamacion therof be made by the maires, ſheriffes, and baylyffes of any of the ſaied townes, by what name or names ſoo euer they be incorporated, in and vppon any ſuche vacande or decayed howſes and groundes in any ſuch townes, as is aforeſaied, and accordyng to this acte do not entre and ſufficiently reedifie and buylde the ſame decayed houſes or voyde groundes: that then it ſhall be lefull to the lorde, of whom ſuch vacand groundes or decayed houſes ben or ſhalbe holden, to entre immediately after ẏ ſaid. iii yeres expired, and to haue the ſame groundes to them and their heyres or ſucceſſours for euer. So that the ſaid lordes do ſufficientlye reedifie and buylde ẏ ſame vacante or voyde groundes, wherin he or they may entre by this act, within thre yeres next and immediatly folowing the determinacion of the former. iiii. yeres, in the which the owners ought to haue entred reedified and buylded the ſame, by vertue of this acte. And yf ſuche lordes as may entre by this acte do not entre, and well and ſufficientlye reedifie and buylde the ſame voyde and decayed howſes and groundes, in their ſaid. iii yeres to them limitted by this acte: that then it ſhalbe lefull to the mayers, ſheriffes, baylyffes, and comminaltee of the ſaied townes, by what name or names ſo euer they be incorporated, and their ſucceſſours for the tyme beyng immediately after the ſaied. iii. yeres expired, to entre into euery ſuche voyde or decayed groundes or houſes, and the ſame groundes or ground to holde and reteine without interruption to them and their ſucceſſours for euer, clerely diſcharged of all rentes goyng out of the ſame, as wel agaynſt the lorde or lordes, of whom ſuch grounde or groundes be holden, as all other, ſo that alwaies the ſame mayres, ſheryffes, baylyffes, or

comminalte or their successours for the tyme beyng, do wel and sufficiently reedifie and buylde the same grounde or groundes, wherin they may so entre by this act, within thre yeres next & immediatly folowing the determinacion of the former thre yeres, in the whiche the aforesaid lordes, of whom suche groūd or groūdes were holde, shuld or ought to haue entred reedified & buylded the same. And in case ỹ said maires sheriffes bailiffes & comminalte or their successours for the time being, do not entre and sufficientely reedifie & builde the same voide or decaied houses or groundes, in forme aforesaid, within ỹ said terme of thre yeres, according to this act: that thē it shal be lesful to the first owner & owners of such decaied & voyd groūdes, their heires or successors imediatly after the same .iii. yeres expired, in to the same groūd & groūdes to reentre, & them to reteine to them their heires or successors, as in their firste estate, any thyng in this act to the contrary notwithstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this act nor any thing therin conteined, be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to any persone or persones, beinge at the tyme of the saied proclamacion made vnder the age of one and twentie yeres, or to any woman couerte baron, or any persone or persones beyng in prison or beyonde the see in the kynges warres or his other lawful affaires, duryng suche tyme as suche person or persones shalbe within age, couert baron, in prison, or beyonde the see, soo that the same persone or persones after he or they be come to full age, or beyng not couerte baron, out of prison, & come agayne within this realme, within thre yeres nexte ensuynge do reedifie the same houses so decayed.

¶ An act for counterfaytyng of the sygne, signet, or priuie seale of our souerayngne lorde the kyng, to be from hens forth taken and adiudged hyghe treason. Ca. ii.

FOr as much as by the lawes of this realme final punishment hath ben hitherto prouided for forgynge and counterfaityng of the kinges signe manuell, or priuie signet, By reason wherof diuers lyght & euyl disposed persons now of late haue taken ỹ more boldnes & courage to cōmitte suche offences, to the great audacitie and boldnes of such lyke offenders. For remedy wherof, be it enacted by authoritee of this presente parliament, that if any persone or persones at any tyme hereafter falsely forge and counterfaite the kinges signe manuel, priuy signet, or priuie seale, that then euery suche offence shalbe demed and adiuged highe treason, and the offenders therin, their councellours procurours aydours and abettours, beyng conuict of any such offence according to the lawes of this realme, shalbe demed & adiudged traitours against the kyng and the realme, and shall suffre and haue suche paynes of deth, forfature of londes goodes and cattal, and also lose the priuilege of all sayntuaries, as in cases of highe treason it is ordeyned.

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In acte takyng away exactions taken by the Mayre and comminaltee of the towne of Hulle. Capit. iii.

WHere vpon complaynte made in this presente parlyamente by the kynges poore subiectes, and namely the poore fyshermen, inhabytynge vppon the costes of the See, within the counties of Northfolke and Suffolke, whiche vse commenly to conducte and conuey theyr hearyng spyrottes and other fysche to the towne of kyngstone vpon Hulle, there to be vttered and solde to other the kynges subiectes, wyllynge to bye the same: It dothe euydently and playnely appeare, that suche greatte and intollerable exaccions, customes, and tolles be demaunded leuyed and taken of them for theyr said hearyng and other fisshes, by the rulers and officers of the said towne, that vnles som spedy remedy be for them prouided in that behalfe, a great noumbre of them shall be driuen of necessitee to absent themselues from their saied markette of olde tyme continued and holden at the saied towne, where most cõmonly afore tyme a great nombre of the kynges subiectes and namely of the northe parties of this realme, haue vsed to prouide theym selfe of their hearrynge and fisshe: whiche fynallye shall be not only the vtter impouerishyng and vndoyng of the sayde poore fishermen inhabytyng within the saied counties of Norff. and Suff. but also a great incũberance to al such the kinges subiectes of the said northe parties, as afore tyme cõmonly haue vsed to prouide theyr hearyng and fisshe at the said towne, for the maintenance of theyr householde. For the spedy reformacion wherof, be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliamente, that the mayre of the said towne of kyngston vppon Hull, and his successours, & all other officers and ministers of and within the same towne, shall frome henseforthe permitte and suffer all thinhabitantes of the saied counties of Norf. and Suf. or from any other places thither repayryng with vitaple, at all tymes for euermore betwene the feast of all sayntes and Thannunciacion of our Lady, lyberally and freely without interrupcion or impediment to conducte and bryngе theyr saied harynges and other fysche to the saied towne, and there to vtter and sel the same as wel by water as by land, by retaile or in grosse, to whom soeuer and whan so euer within the same time before expressed, they or any of them shal thinke most expedient for their owne profite and commoditee, without any maner of toll, custome, imposicion, or other exaction or charge to be demaunded, leuyed, or taken of the seller or byer of the same by the saied mayre, or any other officer or minister of or within the said towne or port of the same, for the said hearing or other fisshe, or for the shippes or other vessailles, wherin the same hearyng or fisshe shal so be brought or conducted, except only suche somes of money, as hereafter ensueth, that is to saie, of euery shippe thyther repayryng with harynges or other fisshe, as is aforesaied, beyng of the burden of. xx. tunne, or vnder and not aboue, fyue shyllynges: And of euery shyppe thyther repayrynge

with hearinges or other fyshe, beyng aboue the ful burthen of .xx. tunne, sir shyllynges. viii. d. and not aboue. And that the said mayre, and all other officers and ministers of or within the saied towne and lybertees of the same for the tyme beyng, shall frome henceforthe well and fauourably order and intreate the said inhabitaunce of Suf. and Norf. and all other as is aforesaied, repayryng to the saied towne with hearyng fyshe or other vytayles, as is before expressed, without any extreme or vnlawfull serchyng viewing or settyng of vnreasonable prices of the saied hearyng fishe or other vytayles: And without frustrate or wilful delay or tracting of tyme in the said viewyng serchyng or settyng of the same prices, or any other maner of fatigacion or wrongfull veracion: but shal order vse and intreate the same inhabitauntes discretely and charitably in euery behalfe as they ought to be. And in case the saied mayre for the tyme beyng, or any other officer or minister, of or within the saied towne or libertee of the same, do hereafter for any cause before expressed, exacte, leuye, or take of any of the saied inhabytauntes, or any other the kynges subiectes, any more or greatter somes than is before mencioned, or do in any maner of wyse offende hereafter in any other article or poynt conteined in this present acte, contrary to the true meaning tenour and effecte of the same, that then vpon complaynte thereof made by the party greued in that behalfe, vnto the lorde Chauncellour of England lorde Treasorer, lorde president, and other the lordes of the kynges moste honorable counsayle, for the tyme beinge, it shall or maye appere to them, or to .iii. of theym at the leaste, wherof the sayde lorde chauncellour to be one, that the sayd mayre other officer or minister of or within the the sayd towne or liberties of the same, hath so offended in any article or point before expressed, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this presente acte, and so adiudged and decreed by the saied lordes, or by three of them at the leaste, wherof the saied lorde Chauncellour to be one, that then the saied mayre officer or other minister so offendyng, shal lose and forfaite for euery such offence. xx. li. wherof the one halfe to be to our saied soueraygne lorde the kynge and his heires, and thother halfe to the said partie greued that shal or wil sue for the same by action of dette byl plaint or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, wherin no wager of lawe essoyne or protection shal be allowed: And the same sute to be taken commenced and tried within any shire of this realme, at the pleasure of hym that shall pursue the same, any foreyne plee or other matter to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandyng.

Prouided that no maner person or persons, other than suche as ben free burgesys of the saied towne of Hulle, shall at any tyme hereafter, by auctoritee of this acte, sell within the same towne any fyshe or hearyng in smalle and lyttel noumbres and peces by retayle, but may and shall sell saltefyshe haberden or stockefishe by the hundred halfe hundred quartern or halfquarterne of any of them, and whyte heryng by the barell, halfebarell. or by fyrkyn at the least, and redde hearyng and sprottes by the cade, this act or anything therin expressed to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶An acte declaryng the order and punishement of pirates and robbers othen see. Cap.iiii.

WHere pyratte, theues, robbers, and murtherers vppon the see many tymes escape vnpunished, bicause the trial of their offences hath heretofore be ordered before the admiral or his lieutenant or cõmissary after the course of the ciuile lawes, the nature wherof is, that before any iugement of death can be geuen agaynst the offenders, eyther they muste playnely confesse theyr offences (whiche they wyll neuer do without torture, or paynes) or elles their offences be so playnly and directly proued by witnesses indifferent, suche as sawe their offences committed, whiche can not be gotten but by chaunce at fewe tymes, bycause suche offenders committe their offences vpon the see, and at many tymes murder and kyll suche persons beyng in the shippe or bote where they committe theyr offences, whiche shuld bere witnesse agaynst them in that behalfe: and also such as shulde beare witnes be commonly mariners and shipmen, whiche for the most parte can not be gotten ne had alwayes redy to testifie suche offences, bycause of their often viages and passages in the sees without long tarieng & protraction of time and greatte costes and charges as well of the kynges highnes as of suche as wolde pursue suche offenders. For reformacion wherof be it enacted, by auctoritee of this present parlyament, that al suche offences don in or vpon the see, or in any other hauen riuer or creke, where the admirall or admirals pretende to haue iurisdiction, shalbe enquered tried herde and determined in suche shires & places in the realme, as shalbe limitted by the kynges commission to be directed for the same, in lyke fourme and condiction as if suche offences had ben done vppon the lande. And that suche commissions shall be had vnder the kynges greatte seale, directed to the lorde admirall or admiralles, or to his or theyr lieutenaunt deputie or deputies, and to three or foure such other substanciall persones as shal be named by the lorde Chancellour for the tyme beyng, as often as nede shall requyre, to here and determine suche offences after the common course of the lawes of the lande, vsed for felonies done and committed within the realme.

¶And be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that such persons, to whom suche commissions shalbe directed, or .iii. of them at the leaste, shall haue ful power and auctoritee to enquire of suche offences by the othes of .xii. good and lawfull men inhabited in the shyre limitted in their commission, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as if suche offences had be committed vpon the land within the same shyre: and that euery inditement founde and presented before such cõmissioners of any felonies robberies murders or manslaughters done vpon the sees, or in or vpon any other hauen riuer or creke, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe. And if any persone or persones happen to be indited for any such offence, done or hereafter to be done vpon the sees, or

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in any other places aboue limitted: that then suche order proces iudgement and execucion shall be vsed hadde done and made to and agaynst euery suche persone and persones so beyng indited, as agaynst felons and murderers for murder or felony done vpō the land, as by the lawes of the realme is accustomed. And that the tryall of suche offence, if it be denyed by the offenders, shal be had by twelue men inhabited in the shire limitted within suche commission, whiche shalbe directed as is aforesaied, and no challenge to be had for the hundred. And suche as shall be conuicte of any suche offence by verdite confession or proces, by auctorite of any such commission, shall haue and suffre suche paynes of deathe, losses of londes goodes and catteles, as if they had bene conuycte of any felonyes or murders done vpon the landes.

¶ And be it enacted by auctorite aforsaied, that for robberies felonies and murders done vpon the sees, or in any other places aboue rehersed, the offenders shall not be admitted to haue the benefite of their clergie, but be vterly excluded therof, and also of the priuilege of any sayntuary.

¶ Prouided alway that this act extende not to be preiudiciall or hurtefull to any person or persons for takyng any vitayles, gabels, ropes, ankers, or Sayles, whiche any suche person or persons compelled by necessitee taketh of or in any other shippe, whiche may conuenyentely spare the same: So that the same person or persons paie out of hande for the same vitayle, gables, ropes, ankers, or saylles, money or money worthe to the value of the thyng so taken, or delyuer for the same a sufficiente bylle obligatorie, to be payd in fourme folowyng, that is to saie, yf the takyng of the same thynges be on this side the straites of Marrok, than to be payd within. iiii. monethes: And if it be beyonde the saied straytes of Marrok, than to be payed within. xii. monethes next ensuyng the makyng of suche billes: And that the makers of suche bylles well and truly paye the same dette at the daye to be limitted within the saied bylles.

¶ Prouided alway that whan so euer any such commission for the punishment of the offences aforesaied, shall be directed or sent to any place within the iurisdiccion of the fiue portes, that then euery suche commission shalbe directed vnto the lord warden of the same portes for the tyme beyng, or to his deputie, and vnto three or foure suche other persone or persones, as the lorde Chauncellour for the tyme beyng, shall name and appoynte: any thyng in this present acte to the contrarye thereof in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that whan so euer any commission shall be directed in to the fyue portes, for the inquisycion and trialles of any the offences expressed in this acte: that euery suche inquisicion and tryal to be had by vertue of suche commission, shalbe made and had by the inhabytauntes in the saied fiue portes, or the membres of the same: any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

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¶ In acte for makyng Justices of peace in Chester and wales. Capitulo. v.

THe kynges hyghnes considerynge the manyfolde robberies murders thefftes trespasses riotes routes embraceries maintenaunces oppressions ruptures of his peace, and manye other malfaites, whiche ben daily practised perpetrated committed and done within his counties & county palantines of Chester & Flint shere in wales, adioinning to the said countie of Chester, & also in his coũties of Anglice, otherwise called Inglesey, Katernaruan, & Mereoneth within his principalitee of Northwales: And also in his coũties of Cardigan, Kayermerthé, Pembroke, & Glamorgã in south wales, by reason that common iustice hath not bene indifferently ministred there, lyke and in such fourme as it is in other places of this his realme: By reason wherof the said murders, robberies, thefftes, trespaces, and brekyng of the peace haue remayned vnpunished, to the great animacion of euil doers in the same counties. For redresse and amputacion wherof, and to the intent that one order of ministryng of his lawes shuld be had obserued & vsed in the same, as in other places of this realme of Englande is had and vsed: It is ordeyned and enacted by the kynge our souerayngne lorde, and the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by thauctoritee of the same, that the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the lorde keper of the greatte seale for the tyme beyng, frome tyme to tyme and at al tymes shal haue ful power and auctoritee by his discrecion, to nominate and appointe Justicers of peace, Justicers of the Quorum, and iusticers of Gaole delyuery in the said counties of Chester, Flynt, Inglesey, Kayernaruan, Mereoneth, Cardigan, Kayermerthen, Pembroke, and Glamorgan, by commission vnder the kynges greatte seale, whiche shall haue full power and auctoritee to enquere here and determyne all maner thyng and thynges enquirable presentable or determinable before iusticers of peace, iusticers of Quorum, and iusticers of gaole deliuery in other shires of this realme of England, by force or vertue of any statute or statutes, made and to be made, or by the course of the common lawes of this realme. And that the saied Justicers of peace, Justicers of Quorum, & Justicers of gaole deliuery, so to be named & appoynted by the said lorde Chauncellour, or lorde keper of great seale, & euery of them, shall haue lyke power and auctoritee within the said counties of Chester, Flynte, Inglesey Kayernaruan, Mereoneth, Cardigan, Kayermerthen, Pembroke, and Glamorgan, to doo vse and execute euery thyng and thynges, as other Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuerye, haue within any other of the shyers of this realme of England: And also shall be sworne astricted and obliged to the keppynge of theyr sessions of the peace, and to the due execucion of al and syngular statutes, and ordinaunces made and to be made, lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke peynes and penalties, as Justi-

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ters of peace, Quorum, and Gaole delyuery, in other shires of this realme of Englande ben and shal be bounden and oblyged, any acte, statute, prescripcion, vsage custome, lybertee, or priuilege hadde made accustomed or vsed to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed sette lost or forfaited by or before suche Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuery, in the said counties of Chester and Flynt, shalbe retorned and certified into the eschequer of Chester, before the kynges Chaumberlayne there. And that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed sette lost or forfayted, by or before the Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuerye, in the saied counties of Anglesey, Kayerneruan, and Merreoneth, and euery of them, shall be returned and certified into the kynges eschequier at Kayerneruan, to and before the kynges Chamberlayne of Northwales. And that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed, sette, loste, or forfayted by or before the Justicers of peace, Quornm, and gaole delyuerie in the saied counties of Kayermerthen, and Cardigan, and euery of them, shall be retourned and certified in to the kynges eschequer at Kayermerden to and before the kynges chamberlayne of southewales. And that the extreates of the issues fynes and amerciamentes, taxed sette loste or forfaited by or before the iusticers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuery, in the countie of Pembroke, shalbe retorned and certified into the kynges eschequire at Pembroke.

And that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamẽtes taxed sette lost or forfayted by or before the Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuery in the saied countie of Glamorgan, shall be retorned and certified into the kynges eschequire at Kayerdiff. And that the saied extreates of the said issues fines & amerciamentes, certified & retourned into euery of the forsaid eschequiers, shall be indented in such lyke maner and fourme, as is vsed in the kynges eschequier at westmister. And that the saied Justicers of peace and Quorum or gaole deliuerie, in euery of the saied shyres, shall directe such like processe by extreates indented, with the extreates certified into the said eschequiers, to the shyreffe of euery of the saied counties, for ẏ leuienge and gatheryng of the saied issues fines and amerciamentes, in suche lyke maner and fourme as is vsed by the Justicers of peace, quorum, and gaole deliuery in euery other of the shires within this realme of Englande. And that euery sheriffe of euery of the saied shires shall make theyr accomptes in euery of the said eschequiers of and for ẏ said issues fines & amerciamentes vpon the extretes to them directed in maner and forme, as is vsed in the the kynges eschequire of Westminster.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that the saied Justycers of peace, and clerkes of the peace within the said counties of Chester, Flynt, Anglesey, Keyerneruan, Mereoneth, Cardigan, Kaiermerthen, Pembroke. and Glamorgan, and euery of them, shal be paied and allowed of the saied issues fines and amerciamentes suche lyke fees profites and commo-

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bities as other iustices of peace and clerkes of the peace in other shyres of this realme, haue and oughte to haue.

¶ And it is farther enacted by authoritee afore said, that the sheriffe or his deputee and all other his ministers, in all and euery of the saied shires, and al coroners, high constables, pety constables, and other officers within euery of the saied shires shalbe obliged and bounden to be as wel attendaunt vnto the saied iustices of peace, Quorum, and Gaole delyuery, in all and euery thyng and thynges concernyng theyr authoritees, as in executynge and retornyng of all preceptes and processis to them directed by any of the saied Iusticiers, in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke paines and penalties as all and euery sheriffes, coroners, and other officers be and shall be bounden and obliged by any statute or cõmon lawe in other shires of this realme of Englande: any acte statute prescripcion vsage custome liberte or priuilege, had accustomed or vsed to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for encrease and brede of good horses. Cap vi.

THe kynge our soueraygne lord continually studyeng for the aduauncement augmentacion and increase of the publyke weale of this his realme, calling to his most gracious memory the gret decay of the generacio & breding of good & swyfte and stronge horses, whiche here to fore haue bene bredde in this realme, to the greatte defence profite and common commoditee of the same: And nowe remembryng, that lyke brede of horses is fore diminished and decayed, the occasion wherof is thoughte to prouide for that that in manye and mooste places of this realme commonlye lyttell horses and nagges of smalle stature and value be suffered to depasture and also to conour mares and kelys of very smalle stature, by reason whereof the brede of good and stronge horses of this realme is nowe lately dymynished altered and decayed, and farther is lyke to decay, if spedy remedy be not ỹ soner prouided in that behalf. The kinges highnes willing therfore to prouide remedy in that behalfe, by the aduise of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and ỹ commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thauctoritee of the same, hath ordeined enacted and established, that euery person and persones, as well spirituall as temporall, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or they be, which at this prescẽt time, or at any tyme hereafter shall haue any parke or grounde enclosed with hedge dyche walle or pale, wherein any dere is, or here after shall be vsually kepte for game, contaynyng the quantite of one myle in compas, and is or shall be seised therof in fee symple fee tayle or for terme of lyfe, in possession to his or theyr owne profitte and behofe, that euery suche owner of euery such parke and grounde, beyng in his owne hande: and euery fermer of euerye suche parke or grounde, beyng letten to ferme from the firste day of May, that shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVII. shal kepe for euery suche

parke

parke or grounde, beyng enclosed, as is afore saied, as longe as the same parke or grounde enclosed shall be vsed and kepte with deere in the same for games, two mares being not spayed, apte and able to beare foles, eche of them of the altitude or height of. xiii. handfulles at the leaste, to be mesured from the lowest parte of the houe of the fote vnto the hyghest parte of the shulder, and euery handfull to conteyne foure inches of the standarde, vppon peyne of forfaiture of. xl. s. for euery monethe lackynge the sayde mares contrary to this acte. And that euery such owner or fermer of parke or grounde, wherof the compas is foure miles and aboue, vpon paine afore expressed, shall kepe for euery suche parke foure mares beyng not spayed apte and able to beare foles, of the altitude or heighte of. xiii. handefulles at the leaste, to be mesured as is afore saied.

¶ Prouided, that if it shall happen any of the saied mares by mischaunce or casualtee for to dye, that then the lorde owner or owners of the saied mares prouidyng or byeng others of lyke heyght and altitude, as is before limitted, within thre monethes nexte after the death of the same mares, shall not incurre the daunger & penaltee of this estatute, any thyng before rehersed to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that the lorde owners and fermers of all parkes and groundes inclosed as is aboue rehersed, lympted and appointed by this act to kepe mares, shal not at any tyme after the saied fyrste day of Maye, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVII. wyllyngely suffre any of the saied mares to be conoyed and kepte with any stoned horse, vnder the stature of foure tene handfulles, to be mesured in fourme afore rehersed, vppon payne of forfayture of. xl. s The moytie of all whiche forfaytures shalbe to the kyng our soueraygne lorde: And the other moytie therof to the partie that wylle sue for the same in any courte of our saied soueraygne lorde the kynge, by action bylle playnte or informacion or other wise, in whiche action or sute the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any essoien or protection shal be vnto the defendaunt allowed in that behalfe.

¶ PROVIDED ALVVAIE, that this acte extende not to charge the lorde owner or owners of any parke or ground, inclosed within the counties of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, and the byshopriche of Durham, nor any of them to kepe any mares for any parke or parkes, grounde or groundes enclosed, as is afore saied, lyenge in the saied counties of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, and the bishoprycke of Durham, other wyse than they haue or myght haue doone before the makyng of this acte: Nor also shall extende to charge the lordes owner or owners of any park or parkes or groundes enclosed, with the fedyng of any mares, tharbage of whiche parke, or parkes, is common to the tenauntes, and inhabytantes of the townes hippes next adioynynyng to the same parke or parkes, any thinge in this present acte made to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

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Prouided also, that euery spirituall persone, and persones, charged and chargeable by this acte with the findyng of mares, may lawfully bargaine and selle the increase and brede of their said mares, any act or actes heretofore made to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

An acte agaynste vnlaufull exactions and vsages taken and vsed in the forestes of wales. Capitulo. vii.

Where diuers and many forestis be in wales and the marches of the same, as well of the inheritaunce & possessions of our souerayngne lorde the kyng, as of diuerse others beyng lordes marchers: within whiche forestes certayne vnreasonable customes and exactions haue ben of longe tyme vnlawfully exacted and vsed, contrary both to the lawe of god and man, to the exyresse wronge and great impouerishyng of diuers of the kynges trewe subiectes: The effect of whiche saied vnlaufull exactions and customes be hereafter declared, that is to wit, it hath ben there vnlaufully vsed, that if it fortuned any of ꝑ kinges subiectis to passe go or ride throughe or in any waye or pathe of any of the saied forestes not hauyng vppon hym or them, that so shall fortune to passe go or ride, a token delyuered to hym or them by the chiefe foresters rulers walkers or fermers, the whiche token shal be wel knowen amõgest al them that are walkers and rulers vnder him or them: Or that he or they that so shall fortune to passe go or ryde in or throut any of the said forestes be not yerely tributours or chenslers: then he or they so goyng rydyng or trauailyng in or throut any of the sayde forestes, hauyng no token, nor beyng yerely tributours or chenslers, as is aforesayde, haue vsed to pay by vnlaufull exactiõ vnto ꝑ said foresters rulers walkers and fermers of the sayd forestes, a greuous fyne or rewarde. And if any person or persons, not hauyng suche token or tokens, and not beyng a yerely tributour, or a chenler as is aforesaied, shuld happen to be taken, found, or espied by any of ꝑ said foresters rulers walkers or fermers or their assignes by the space of. xxiiii. fote out of the high way, then he or they, so being taken founde or espied out of the hygh way, within any of the saied forestes, as is afore sayd. to forfaite and lose vnto the saied forresters, rulers, walkers, and fermers, all suche money and golde, as shuld be then founde vppon hym or them, so beyng taken in any of the saied forestes, out of the hygh way, as is aforesayd. And also the same person or persons so being taken or found out of the high way. to forfaite & lose a toynte of one of his or their hãdes, or els to make fine therfore with the said forresters rulers walkers and fermers, at the wil and pleasure of the said rulers walkers or fermers. And if also that it happen any beaste or quicke catel to come go or escape into any of the said forestes by stray, or theke stolen, or otherwise, the saied forresters rulers walkers or fermers, after knowlege to hym or thẽ giuen, haue likewise vnlaufully vsed to sease & take the same beast or cattell, as his or theyr owne, and

marke them with the marke of their forest, there vsed and so sealed marked taken and then retaygne as cattell forfaited vnto theyr owne vse, by reason wherof the owner and owners of ꝑ same catel haue ben clere without remedie for the hauyng agayne of the saied cattell, excepte onely by waye of redemption, or byeng againe of theyr owne cattell, contrary to all equite and conscience. In consideracion wherof it may please the kinges highnes, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons at this present parlyament assembled and by the auctorite of the same, to enacte ordeigne and establyshe, that frome the feaste of the Natiuitie of saynte Johñ Baptiste nexte commyng, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M.D. XXXVI. all the saied vnlaufull customes to be determined, voyde, and had for nought throut all and euery of the saied forestes within wales and the marches of the same: And that it shall be lawful from thensefoorth to all and euery of the kynges trew subiectes, and all other person or persons beyng in lege and amitie with our souerayne lorde the kynge, his heires and successours kinges of Englande, freely quietely and in peace to passe and repasse, trauayle and go into and throute the sayd forestes and euery of them, bothe on horsebacke and of foote, as well folowyng and dryuyng of cattell, as with carieng of wares, or other wise aboute their laufull busines and affaires, without any fine forfaiture tolle custome exaction or other impoticion, to be taken exacted, or demaunded of them or of any of them, by the said fosters rulers walkers fermers or their assignes. And if it shall chaunce or happen any of the saied fosters rulers walkers fermers or theyr assignes or any of them, at any tyme after the saied feaste of saynte Johñ Baptiste, to take any person or persons, beyng the kynges trewe subiectes, or otherwise in lege & amity with our said souerain lord his heires or successours kinges of Englande, as is aforesaied, and exacte and take of them or of any of them any of the saied forfaytours fines tolles customes or exactions, as is aboue mencioned, and be thereof laufully conuicted, that then he or they so doing and offendyng contrary to this act, to incurre and stande in the dangers of the estatute heretofore prouided for robberies by the kynges hygh waye, and the same to be tried before the Justices of the peace in the nexte shire adioynaunte, according to the lawe of this realme of England.

¶ AND FVRTHER BE IT ENACTED by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any maner of beast or quicke cattel of any of the kinges true subiectes, or others the kynges frendes, at any tyme after the sayde feaste of the Natiuitie of saynete Johñ Baptyste, to come in to any of the saied forestes by strayes, theffe stolen, or otherwise, and there to be marked and sealed by any of the said foresters rulers walkers fermers or their assignes, or any of them, and the owner and owners of the same cattell within one yere and a day than nexte ensuyng chance to fynde the saied cattell so taken and laufully proue the same to be his or their owne propre cattell, that then the same cattell to be redelyuered to the owner or owners therof, according to the ancient lawe or this realme of Englande, the saied owner or owners

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reſonably payeng for the keppyng of ſuche catell, after the rate of the tyme that ſuche catell ſhall haue ben in the cuſtody and keppyng of any ſuche foꝛſters rulers walkers and fermers oꝛ his oꝛ their aſſignes, in ſuche maner & fourme, as herctofoꝛe hath ben in lyke caſe vſed to be doone by the lawe of this realme of eſtrayed cattell claymed and pꝛoued by the owners, within a yere and a daye nexte after the ſeaſyng of the ſame catell. And if any of the ſaid foſters rulers walkers fermers their aſſignes oꝛ any of thē do deny the redeliuerannce of any ſuch catel, by them oꝛ any of them ſo ſeaſed & marked within any of the ſaid foꝛeſtes, after the owner oꝛ owners of them ſhal haue dewly & lawfully pꝛoued them to be his oꝛ theyꝛ owne pꝛopꝛe goodes & catelles, as is afoꝛeſaied, that then euery ſuche foꝛſter ruler walker fermer oꝛ aſſignes ſo doyng and offendyng contrary to this acte, to foꝛfayte and pay vnto the partie greued the double value of all ſuche cattel, as ſhall be ſo taken and marked, and not redelyuered to the owner oꝛ owners, as is afoꝛeſaied: And ẏ the partie greued may haue his action of detinue at the cōmō lawe of and foꝛ the ſame cattell, agaynſt euery ſuche offender oꝛ offenders, and the ſame to be tried in the nexte ſhyꝛe adioꝛnante: in whiche action the defendaunt ſhal not be admitted to wage his lawe, noꝛ eſſoen noꝛ pꝛotectiō ſhalbe allowed foꝛ them: And like pꝛoceſſe of outlagary to be had & made in the ſaid action of detinue in the nexte ſhire adioynaunt againſt euery foꝛſter ruler walker fermer oꝛ their aſſignes, ſo offending contrary to the tenour of this act, as in an action of treſpas at the cōmon lawe of this realme is vſed.

¶An acte that the kynges ſpirituall ſubiectes ſhall paye no tenthe of theyꝛ ſpirituall pꝛomocions foꝛ that fyꝛſte yere, foꝛ whiche they paye theyꝛ fyꝛſte fruites. Capitulo. viii.

WHere by a late act made in this parlyament foꝛ and concernyng the graunte made to the kynges hyghnes of the tenth of the yerely value of al ſpiritual poſſeſſions of this realme, and of the firſt frutes therof, ther appereth by the woꝛdis of the ſaid act, that pꝛelates and al other incumbentes be charged to the paiment of the tenthe that ſhal be due to the kynges hyghnes, in and foꝛ the fyꝛſte yere that they ſhall be elected, pꝛeferred, pꝛeſented, collated, oꝛ admytted to any dignities, benefices, oꝛ other pꝛomocions ſpirituall, and foꝛ the ſame fyꝛſte yere ſhall alſo pay the holefyꝛſte fruites of theyꝛ ſaied dygnityes, benefices, and pꝛomocions, whiche is a dowble charge. Foꝛ reſoꝛmacion wherof, the kynges hyghneſſe foꝛ thentier and hartye loue that his grace beareth to the pꝛelates and other incumbentes, chargeable to the payemente of the ſaied tenthe and fyꝛſte fruytes, of his excellente goodneſſe is pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by auctoꝛitee of this pꝛeſente parlyamente, that whan ſoo euer any perſone

or persones, frome the fyrste daye of Maye, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god a thousande fyue hundred thirtye and syxe, shall bee named, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted to haue any Archebyshoprиche, Byshoprиche, abbacye, monastery, prioрie, colledge, hospitalle, archedeconrye, deanerye, prouostshyppe, prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, freechapel, or other dignitie benefice or promocion spirituall, by vertue wherof they shalbe charged or chargeable, as wel for the payment of the .x. of euery of the sayd archebyshoprych, byshoprich, abbacy, monasterie, prioрie, colledge, hospytal, archedeconry, deanry, prouostshyp, prebende, personage, vycarage, chauntrie, freechappell, or other dignite, benefice, or promocion spiritual, as with the paiment of the first fruites of the same and euery of the same, shall at his or their composicion, agreement, or entree into specialtie or specialties, for the payment of the saied first fruites haue allowance and deduction of the saied .x. parte of the holle, oute of the summe to be payed for the saied fyrste fruites for the yere, wherin he or they shall be firste nominated, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted, to haue any of the said dignities, benefices, offices, or other promocions spiritual, accordyng to the iuste rate, taxacion, and cessement of the .x. of euery of the said archbishoprich bishoprich abacy monastery prioрy colledge hospital archedeaconry deanery prouostshyp prebende personage vicarage chauntry frechapel or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promocion spiritual within this realme, or els where within any of the kinges dominions of what name nature or qualite so euer they be, or to whose foundacion patronage or gifte so euer they belonge, nowe beyng enrolled, or that hereafter shall be enrolled in the kinges Eschequier, or in any other the kynges courtes of recorde.

¶ AND BE IT FVRTHER ENACTED that euerye commissioner or commyssioners, or other the kynges officers or ministers, or any other persone or persones, whiche eyther by auctorites of any acte of parlyamente, or by commission or commissions, vnder the kynges great Seale, or otherwyse by his graces commaundemente, or by the commaundement of suche as by his hyghnes shall be auctorised for that purpose, be appoynted assigned or deputed, or that hereafter shall be appoynted auctorised assigned or deputed, to compound agre and receiue bondes and specialties to his maiesties vse, for paymente of the saied fyrste fruites of euery of the saied dygnities benefices offices or other promocions spiritual, shall and maye by force of this acte, from the sayde fyrste daye of Maye for euer forwarde, haue auctoritee to deducte and allowe vnto euery suche persone or persones, as frome the foresaied fyrste daye of Maye, shall be nominated, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted to haue any of the saied archebysshopryche byshoprych abbacie monasterye prioрye colledge hospitall archedeconry deanry prouostshyp prebende personage vicarage chantry freechapel or other dignitee benefice office or promocion

cion spirituall, the tenth parte of the hole, as is aforesaied, out of the same fyrste fruites for the yere, wherin he or they shall be firste nominated, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed vnto euery of the same, as is aforesaied, without any farther suite to be made to the kynges highnes, and without imposicion exaction or other charge to be in any wise demaunded or exacted of the persone or persones so preferred, for the allowance vnto them of the saied tenth, for the saied fyrste yere in fourme aboue expressed: any thyng or thynges in the saied acte of the graunte of the saied tenth and fyrste fruites to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that all and euery persone and persons, that vpon his or theyr composicion and agrement for the fyrst fruites, shalbe defaulked and allowed the tenthe part of the hole some of his or theyr dignities benefices offices or promocions spirituall, for the yere wherin he or they shall be firste nominated prefected presented collated or by any other meanes appoynted vnto any of the same, as is aboue said, shal yelde and paie the saied tenthe part vnto the kynges maiestee his heires and successours, the saied fyrste yere in lyke maner and fourme, and at suche daie as is limitted in the saied acte of the graunde of the saied tenthe and fyrst fruites: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Be it farther enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that in such cases, where the successour of any incumbent shall be chargeable to the paiment of suche sommes of money, as shalbe due of and for the saied tenthe, that shall happen to be behynd vnpayd in the tyme or lyfe of his predecessour, there euery such successour maie laufully distrayn such goodes and catals of his predecessour, as shal happen to be and remaine in and vpon the dignitee benefice or promocion spirituall, of the whiche the same tenth was behynde and vnpaied in the lyfe or tyme of his predecessour, and to reteyne the saied goodes and catelles tyll suche tyme as the saied predecessour, if he be alyue, and if he be deed, then his executours or administratours, or suche other, to whom his goodes and catelles shulde apperteyne, haue fully satisfied & paid such sūmes of money, as shal happen to be behinde & vnpaied of the saied tenth. And in case the said predecessour, his executours administratours, or suche other to whom his goodes or catalles shulde apperteyne, within .xii. dayes nexte after the distresse thereof, do not satisfie the saied sommes of moneye, beyng behynde of the said tenth, as is aforesaied: that then for suche default of paiment it shalbe lauful to euery such successour to cause the said goodes and catalles so distreined, to be preysed by two or thre indifferente persons to be sworne for the same: And accordyng to the same appreysyng to sell so muche therof, as shall amounte as well to the full satisfaction of the saied sommes of money, beyng behinde and vnpaied of the saied tenth, in the lyfe or time of his predecessour, as for the reasonable costes, that shalbe spent by occasion of distreynyng and appraisyng of the same goodes and catalles. And in case no sufficiente goodes and catals maie be found in or vpon such

dignities, benefices, or promocions spirituall, for the satisfaction of the said tenth, beynge behynde vnpayde, as is aboue saied, that then the predecessour, by whom suche tenth was due to be paied, if he be a lyuer: and if he be deed, then his executours administratours and other, to whom his goodes and catelles shall appertayne or belong, shalbe compelled to the payement of the saied tenthe beyng behynde and vnpaied as is aforesaied, by byl to be pursued in the kynges Chauncery by the successour that shalbe chargeable for the same, or els by action or playnt of dette to be taken or commenced by suche successour by order of the common lawes.

An acte whereby all bouchers be licenced to sell fleshe by retayle vnto the xxiiii. day of Aprill, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XL. Cap. ix.

WHere in this presente parlyament begun at London. the. iii. day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and from thens adiorned to westm̃, & there by diuers prorogacions hitherto continued, in one session there holden the. xxiiii. yere of our said souerain lordes reigne amongest dyuers beneficiall estatutes there made, it was enacted, that euery perso̅ which dyd sel after the first day of August, in the saied. xxiiii. yere, any beaffe porke mutton or veale, or any parte or parcell therof, shulde sell the same by lawfull weight called haberdepoys, and none otherwyse, after the pryce in the same acte conteined and especified: as in the same acte more playnly is conteyned. And where afterwardes for so much as sufficient auctorite was not gyuen by the said act to the Justices of the peee, maires, bailyffes, shertues, & other officers rehersed in the saied former acte to punisshe the offenders, and suche other as wolde not sell by weyght accordynge to the force of the sayd act: at an other session holden in the. xxv. yere of our saied soueraygne lordes reygne, it was than by an other estatute enacted, that from the. xx. day of February in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. X X X I I I. it shulde be laufull to all and euery mayres, sherysffes, constables, baylyffes, and other gouernours of cities boroughes, and market townes as well within liberties as without, to whom any complaynt shuld be made vpon any boucher his wife seruantis or other his mynisters, refusyng to sell the said vitayles by trewe and laufull weight, accordynge to the tenour of the said former acte, not onely to committe euery suche boucher or other such offender towarde, there to remaine without bayle or mainprise, vnto suche tyme as they and euery of theym shall haue payde all the forfaytures and penalties comprised in the sayde former acte: but also euery of the saide mayres and other hed officers and their deputies shuld sell or cause to be solde all suche vitayles by trewe weyght and for redy money, as in the said act made in the saied. xxv. yere more at large is exprissed, The kynges hyghnes well consideryng the great darth of all maner of vitayles

tayles, whiche be nowe and sins the makyng of the said estatutes hath fallen and happened within this his realme, as well by mozreine and deathe of suche cattell, as by great waters and vnseasonable wethers, wherby the bzede and encreace of the same is much empaired and minished: in such wise that if the said fozmer estatutes were put in execucion, the bouchers and sellers of such vytaples were not able to lyue, noz that his commons shuld be wel serued thereof: the scarcitie of the same consydered, by his accustomed goodnes the pzemisses considerynge, is contented by thassente of his maiestie, with the assente of his lozdes spiritual and tempozall, and of his commons in this his pzesent parlyamente assembled, and by auctozitee of the same, that it be ozdeyned established and enacted, that from the .xii. day of Apzyll, in the yere of our lozde god. M.D.XXXVI. vnto the .xxiiii. day of Apzill, the whiche shall be in the yere of our lozde god. M.D.XL. all bouchers and other sellynge flesshe by retayle, maye lawefully kylle and sell all maner bieke pozke mutton and veale, being good and holsome foz mans bodye, at their pleasures and lyberties, as freely and lyberally as they oz any of them dyd oz myght haue done at any tyme befoze the makyng of the sayde estatutes, made in the xxiiii. and. xxb. yere of our sayde soueraygne lozdes reygne without any losse, payne imprysonment, fozfaiture, oz penaltie, to be by them oz any of them, oz the successours of them oz any of them, had lost bozne oz sustained in that behalfe, during the time befoze limitted, The same estatutes made in the sayd. xxiiii. & xxb. yere. oz either of them, oz any clause sentence fozfayture peyne losse oz any other thinge in them oz any of theym to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng: And that the same estatutes and eyther of them, and euery clause sentence and article in them and eyther of them conteined, shal be in suspence and not to put in execution during the sayde tyme.

¶ And where also by an nother estatute, made in the sayde. xxb. yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne lozde, it was enacted, that no suckyng calues, whiche shulde happe to falle oz be calued betwene the fyrste day of January than next ensuinge, and the fyrst day of May, duringe two hole yeres next after folowyng, shuld be kylled, and put to sale by any bouchers oz other person, hole oz by retayle, to any person oz persones duringe the sayde two yeres vpon the peynes conteyned in the sayde estatute, as by the same estatute moze playnely appereth: The kynge our souerayne lozde of his excellēt goodnes, to thentent that his louing subiectes shuld be the better pzouyded of the moze plenty of vitailes ayenst this holy tyme of Easter next cōmynge, is also contented that it be enacted by auctozite afoze sayde, that all bouchers and other sellinge flesshe by retaile, may laufully from the said xii. day of Apzill, in the yere of our lozde god. M.D.XXXVI. duringe two hole yeres then next ensuinge, kyll and sell calues hole oz by retayle at their pleasures and lyberties, without any losse peyne domage penalte oz fozfaiture by them oz any of them to be had susteined oz loste in that behalfe. The sayde estatute made foz kyllynge of calues to endure foz two yeres, oz any

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thyng in the same conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng. ¶ And be it further enacted by the saied auctorite, that the saied acte made for the killyng of calues shall begyn to take effecte the first day of Januarye, the whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXIX. and from thenforth to endure and continue two hole yeres than nexte and immediately ensuyng, any thyng conteyned in this present acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An acte expressyng an order for vses and willes. cap. x.

WHere by the common lawes of this realme, landes tenementes and hereditamentes be not diuisible by testamente nor ought to be transferred from one to an other, but by solemne ipuery and season, matter of recorde, writyng sufficiente, made bona fide without couyne or fraude: yet neuer theles, diuers & sundry imaginacions, subtyle inuencions, & practises haue ben vsed: whereby the hereditamentes of this realme haue bene conueyed frome one to an other by fraudulente feoffementes fynes recoueries and other assurances craftily made, to secrete vses intētes and trustes and also by willes & testamentes, sometyme made by nude parolx and wordes, sometyme by sygnes and tokens, and somtyme by writyng, and for the most part made by such persons as be visited with sickenes in their extreme agonies and paines, or at suche tyme as they haue hadde scantly any good memorie or remembraunce: At which tymes they beyng prouoked by gredy and couetouse persons, lieng in awhapt about them, do many times dispose indiscretely and vnaduisedly their landes and inheritances, By reson wher of, and by occasion of whiche fraudulent feoffementes, fynes, recoueries, & other lyke assurances to vses, confidences and trustes, diuers & many heires haue ben iniustely at sundry times disherited, the lordes haue lost their wardes, mariages, reliefes, hariottes, eschetes aides pur faire fitz chiualer et pur file marier, and scantly any persone can be certeynely assured of any landes by them purchased, nor knowen surely agayne whome they shal vse their actions or execucions for their rightes titles and dueties: Also menne maried haue loste theyr tenaunces by the courtesye, women theyr dowers, manifest periuries by triall of suche secret wylles and vses haue ben committed, The kynges highnesse hathe loste the profittes and aduantages of the londes of persones atteynted, and of the landes craftely put in feffemente to the vses of aliens borne, and also the profites of waste for a yere and a day, of landes of felons atteynted, and the lordes their eschetes therof: and many other inconueniences haue happened and daily doo encrease among the kynges subiectes, to their greate trouble and inquietnes, and to the vtter subuercion of the auncient common lawes of this realme. For the extirpynge and extinguishmente of all such subtyll practised feoffementes, fines, recoueries, abuses, and errours, heretofore vsed & accustomed in this realme,

realme, to the subuercion of the good and aūcient lawes of the same, and to thintent that the kynges highnes, or any other his subiectes of this realme shall not in any wise here after by any meanes or inuencions, be deceyued damaged or hurted by reason of suche trustes vses or confidences, it maye please the kynges most royall maiestee, that it maie be enacted by his highnes, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this p̄sent parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, in maner and fourme following: that is to saye, that where any persone or persones stand or be seased, or at any tyme hereafter shall happen to be seased of and in any honours castelles manours landes tenementes rentes seruyces reuercions remainders or other hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or trust of any other persone or persones, or of any body politike, by reason of any bargayne sale feffement fine recouerie couenant contract agrement wyll or otherwyse, by any maner meanes what so euer it be, that in euery suche case all and euery suche person and persons, and bodyes politike, that haue or hereafter shall haue any such vse, confidence, or trust, in fee simple, fee tayl, for terme of lyfe or of yeres, or otherwyse: or any vse confidence or truste in remaynder or reuerter, shal from henceforth stond and be seased demed and adiudged in lawfull seson estate and possession of and in the same honours castels manours landes tenementes rentes seruices reuercions remainders and hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces to all intentes constructions and purposes in the lawe of and in such like estates as they had or shall haue in vse truste or confidence of or in the same. And that the estate tytle ryghte and possession, that was in suche persone or persones, that were or hereafter shalbe seased of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or truste of any suche person or persones, or of any body politike, be from henceforth clerely demed and adiudged to be in hym or them that haue or hereafter shall haue suche vse confidence or truste, after suche qualitie maner fourme and condicion, as they had before in or to the vse confidence or truste that was in them.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that where dyuers and many persons be or hereafter shall happen to be ioyntly seased of and in any landes tenementes rentes reuercions remainders or other hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or truste of any of them that be so ioyntly seased, that in euery such case, that those person or persons, which haue or hereafter shall haue any such vse confidence or truste in any suche landes tenementes rentes reuercions remaynders or hereditamentes, shal from henceforth haue and be demed and adiudged to haue onely to him or theym, that haue or hereafter shall haue suche vse confidence or truste, suche estate possession and seasen, of and in the same landes tenementes rentes reuercions remainders or other hereditamentes in lyke nature maner fourme condicion and course, as he or they hadde before in the vse confidence or truste of the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes: saynge and reseruynge to all and synguler persones and bodies politike, theyr heyres and successours

tessours, other than those person or persons, whiche be seased or hereafter shall be seased of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes to any vse, confidence or truste, all suche ryght tytle entre interest possession rentes and action, as they or any of them had or myghte haue had before the makyng of this acte.

¶ And also sauyng to all and synguler those persons, and to theyr heyres, which be or hereafter shal be seased to any vse, all suche former ryght, tytle, entre, enterest, possession, rentes, customes, seruyces, and action, as they or any of them might haue had to his or their owne proper vse in or to any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, or hereditamentes, whereof they be or hereafter shall be seased to any other vse, as if this present acte had neuer bene had nor made: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And where also diuers psons stand & be sesed of & in any landes tenementes or heredytamentes, in fee simple or otherwyse to the vse or intent & some other person or persons, shal haue and perceiue yerely to them and to his or their heires one annuell rente of tenne poundes or more or lesse, out of the same landes and tenementes, and some other person one other annuell rent to him and his assignes for terme of lyfe, or yeres, or for some other speciall tyme, accordyng to suche intent and vse, as hathe bene heretofore declared lymitted and made therof: Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that in euery such case the same persons their heires and assignes, that haue suche vse and interest, to haue and perceyue any suche annuell rentes out of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, that they & euery of them theyr heires and assignes be adiudged and demed to be in possession and seasen of the same rente of and in suche lyke estate as they had in the tytle interest or vse of the saied rent or profyte, and as if a sufficient graunt or other lauful conueyaunce had be made and executed to them by suche as were or shall be seased to the vse or intent of any suche rente to be had made or payed accordyng to the very truste and intent therof. And that all and euery suche person and persons as haue or hereafter shall haue any tytle vse and interest in or to any suche rente or profite, shall laufully distreine for none payment of the saied rente, and in their owne names make aduouries, or by theyr Baylyffes or seruauntes make constaunces & Justifications, and haue al other suites entrees and remedies for suche rentes, as if the same rentes had bee actuallye and really graunted to them with sufficiente clauses of distresse reentre or otherwyse, accordyng to suche condicions peynes or other thynges lymitted and appoynted vpon the truste and intente for payemente or suretie of suche rent.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that where as diuers persones haue purchased or haue estate made and conueyed of and in diuers landes tenemētes and hereditamentes vnto them and to their wifes and to the heyres of the husbande, or to the husbande and to the wyfe, and to the heyres of theyr two bodies begoten, or to the heires of one of their bo-

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dies begotten, or to the husbonde and to the wyfe for terme of their lives, or for terme of lyfe of the said wyfe: Or where any such estate, or purchace of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes hath benne or hereafter shall be made to any husoande & to his wyfe, in maner and fourme above expressed, or to any other person or persones, and to theyr heires and assignes, to the vse and behoue of the saied husoande and wyfe, or to the vse of the wyfe, as is before rehersed, for the ioynter of the wyfe: that then in euerye suche case, euery woman maried, hauyng suche ioynter made or hereafter to be made, shall not clayme nor haue title to haue any dower of the residue of the landes tenementes or hereditamentes that at any tyme were her saied husbandes, by whome she hath any suche ioynter, nor shall demaunde nor clayme her dower of and agaynste theym that haue the landes and inheryptannces of the sayde husbande. But if she haue no suche ioynter, then she shall be admitted and inhabeled to pursue haue and demaunde her dower by writ of dower, after the dewe course and order of the comón lawes of this realme: this acte or any lawe or prouision made to the contrarye thereof not withstandyng.

Prouided alwaye, that if any suche woman be laufully expulsed or euicted frome her sayde ioynter, or frome any parte therof, without any fraude or coulne by laufull entree action or by discontinuaunce of her husoand: then euery suche woman shalbe endowed of as muche of the residue of her husbandes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof she was before dowable, as the same landes and tenementes, so euycted and expulsed, shall amounte or extende vnto.

Prouided also, that this acte nor any thyng therin conteyned or expresed, extende or be in any wise hurtefull or prejudiciall to any woman or women heretofore beyng maried, of for or concernyng suche ryght title vse interest or possession, as they or any of them haue clayme or pretende to haue for her or theyr ioynter or dower of in or to any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes of any of theyr late husoandes, beynge nowe dead or deceased, any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrarye not withstandyng.

Prouided also, that if any wife haue or hereafter shal haue any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, vnto her gyuen or assured after maryage for terme of her lyfe, or other wyse in ioynter, excepte the same assurance be to her made by acte of parliament, and the saied wife after that fortune to ouer lyue the same her husoand, in whose tyme the sayd ioynter was made or assured vnto her, that thene the same wyfe, so ouerlyuynge, shall and may at her libertie, after the death of her saied husbande refuse to haue and take the landes and tenementes, so to her gyuen appoynted or assured, duryng the couerture, for terme of her lyfe or other wyse in ioynter: excepte the same assurance be to her made by acte of parliament, as is aforesaied, and therupon to haue aske demande & take her dower by writ of dower or otherwise, accordyng to the common lawe, of and in all suche landes, tene-

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mentes and hereditamentes, as her husbande was and stode seased of any estate of inheritaunce, at any tyme duryng the couerture, any thyng conteyned in this act to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also that this present acte nor any thyng therin conteyned, extend, nor be at any tyme hereafter interpretated expounded or taken to extincte release discharge or suspend any statute, reconisaunce, or other bond, by the execucion of any estate of or in any landes tenemētes or hereditamētes by thauctoritee of this acte, to any person or persons or bodies politike: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And for as much as gret ambiguites & doubtes may arise of the validite and inualidite of willes heretofore made of any landes tenementes, and hereditamentes, to the great trouble of the kinges subiectes, the kynges most royall maiestee mindyng the tranquilite and rest of his louyng subiectes, of his most excellent and accustomed godnes is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by thauctoritee of this present parliament, that al maner trewe and iust willes and testamentes heretofore made by any person or persons deceased, or that shall decease before the firste daye of May, that shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. of any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, shall be taken and accepted good and effectual in the lawe, after suche fashion maner and fourme as they were commonly taken and vsed at any tyme within fortie yeres next afore the making of this acte: any thyng conteyned in this acte, or in the preamble thereof, or any opinion of the common lawe to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that the kynges highnes shall not haue demaunde or take any aduauntage or profite for or by occasion of the executyng of any estate onely by auctoritee of this acte, to any persone or persones or bodies politike, whiche nowe haue, or on this syde the sayd first day of May, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. shall haue any vse or vses trustes or confidences in any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the kynges highnes, by reason of prymer seson, liuerie, vtter le mayne, fine for alienacion, reliefe, or harriot: but that fines for alienacions reliefes and harriottes shalbe paied to the kinges highnes: And also iyuerpes & oster le maynes shalbe sued for vses, trustes, & confidences to be made and executed in possession, by auctoritee of this acte, after and from the sayd first day of May, of landes & tenementes and other hereditamentes holden of the kyng in suche lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes constructions and purposes as hath heretofore vsed or accustomed by thorder of the lawes of this realme.

¶ Prouided also, that no other peson or psons or bodies politike, of whom any londes tenites or hereditamentes be or here after shalbe holden mediate or immediate, shal in any wise demaunde or take any fine relyfe or harriot for or by occasion of the executyng of any estate by the auctoritee of this act to any person or persons or bodies politike, before the saied firste daye of May, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI.

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¶And be it enacted, by auctoritee aforesaied, that all and synguler persone and persons, and bodies polityke, whiche at any tyme on this syde the saied first day of Maye, which shalbe in the yere of our lorde god .M.DXXXVI. shall haue any estate vnto them executed of and in any lādes tenementes or hereditamētes, by the auctoritie of this act, shal and may haue and take the same or lyke aduantage, benefite, voucher, ayde prayer, remedye, commoditie, and profite by action entree condicion or otherwise, to al intentes constructions and purposes, as the persone or persons seased to their vse of or in any suche landes tenementes or hereditamentes, so executed had shulde might or oughte to haue had at the tyme of the execution of the estate therof, by the auctoritee of this acte, against any other person or persones of or for any waste, disseson, trespas, condicion broken, or any other offence cause or thyng concernyng or touchyng the saied landes or tenementes, so executed by the auctoritee of this acte.

¶Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that actions nowe dependyng against any person or persons, seased of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to any vse truste or confidence, shall not abate ne be discharged for or by reason of executyng of any estate therof by auctoritee of this acte, before the saied first day of Maye, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D.XXXVI. any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶Prouided also, that this acte nor any thyng therin conteyned, shal not be preiudicial to the kinges highnes for wardships of heires now being within age, nor for liueries, or for oustre le mains, to be sued by any person or persons now being within age, or of full age, of any lādes or tenementes vnto the same heire or heires now all redy discended: any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that all and singuler recognisances here tofore knowleged taken or made to the kinges vse, for or concernyng any recoueries of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes here tofore vsed or had by writte or writtes of entre vpon disseison in le post, shall from henceforth be vtterly voyde and of none effect to all intentes constructions and purposes.

¶Prouided also that this acte, nor any thyng therin conteyned be in anywyse preiudiciall or hurteful to any person or persons, borne in wales or the marches of the same, whiche shall haue any estate to them executed by auctoritee of this acte in any landes tenementes or other hereditamentes within this realme, wherof any other persone or persones nowe stande or be seased to the vse of any suche persone or persones borne in wales, or the marches of the same: but that the same persone or persones borne in wales or the marches of the same, shal or may lawfully haue retayne & kepe the same landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, wherof estate shall be so vnto them executed by the auctoritee of this acte, accordyng to the tenour of the same: any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any other acte or prouison here-

tofore had or made to the contrarie not withstandyng.

¶ An acte concernyng clerkes of the signet and priuie seale. Ca. xi.

WHere as the kynges clerkes of his gracious signette and priuie Seale, geuynge theyr daylye attendaunces for the passyng and wrytyng of his maiesties greatte and weightie affayres, and the causes of this his realme, haue for theyr entertaynementes and theyr clerkes, no fees nor wages certayne for those offyces, other than suche fees as cometh and groweth of the saied signet and priuie seale: To the intente that from henceforth they shuld not by any maner of meanes be defeated of any parte or porcion of the same their fees. Be it therfore ordeyned established & enacted by the consent and assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and euery gyfte, graunte, and other wrytyng, whiche shall be made or gyuen in writyng by the kynges highnes, or any his most noble proferite, to any person or persons, signed with his graces signe, or the signe or signes manuel of any of them, to be passed vnder any his graces great seales of England, Ireland, duchie of Lancaster, or of any his hyghnes counties palantines or principalites of wales, or by other proces out of the eschequier, after the .xv. day of Apryl, in the .xxviii. yere of his most noble reigne. And that all and euery giftes grauntes and other writynges, of what name or names, qualitie or qualities so euer the same be, or hereafter shall be named deemed or called, whiche the mayster of the kynges wardes, or generall surueyours of the kynges landes for the tyme beyng, or any other officer or officers that nowe be or hereafter shall be made, shall by vertue of anye acte of parlyamente, or any the kynges grauntes to theym or any of theym made, or hereafter to be made in that behalfe, gyue graunte or make after the forsaid .xv. day of Apryl, to any person or persons in the kynges name to be passed vnder any his maiesties seales, be in any wise first & before ỹ same graunt or any of them be passed vnder any the kynges saied seales, or other proceese made of the same, brought and delyuered to the kynges principall secretarie, or to one of the kynges clerkes of his gracis signet for the tyme beyng, to be at the saied office of the signet passed accordingly.

¶ And be it also ordeined & enacted by thauctoritee aforsaid, that one of the clerkes of the said signet, to whome any the said writynges, signed with the kinges most gracious hande, or the hande of any other aforesaid, or any of them, fortune to be delyuered, may and shall by warrante of the same billes and euery of them, within the space of .viii. dayes next after he shal haue receyued the same, onles he haue knowlege by the saied Secretarie, or otherwise of the kinges pleasure to the contrary, make or cause to be made in the kynges name letters of warrantye, subscribed with the hande of the same

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clerke, and sealed with the kinges signet to the lord keper of the kinges priuy seale for further proces to be had in that behalf. And that one of the kinges clerkes of the saied priuie seale, vpon due examinacion had by the saied lorde keper of the saied priuie seale, of the saied warrantie to hym addressed from the office of the saied signet as afore, make and shall within the space of viii. dayes next after he shall haue receyued the same, onelesse the lord keper of the priuie seale do giue them commaundement to the contrary, make or cause to be made by warrante of the forsaid warrant to the said lorde keper of the priuie seale, addresse from the office of the signet aforesaied, other letters of lyke warrantie, subscribed with the name of the same clerke of the priuye seale to the lorde chauncellour of Englande, lorde keper of the great seale, chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, chauncellour of the kynges lande of Irelande, Treasourer and chamberlaynes of the eschequier, and chamberlaynes of any his counties palantines or precipaulter of Wales, other officer, and to euery of them, for the wrytyng and ensealyng with suche seales as remayne in their custody, of letters patente or closed, or other processe makyng, dewe and requisite to be had or made vpon any the saied grauntes, accordyng to the tenour of the warrante to them or any of them directed from the office of the priuie seale as is before specified.

And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaied, that no maner clerke or clerkes or other person or persons, do write or make any maner writyng warraunte or warrauntes vppon any maner gyfte or graunte, made by the kynges hyghnesse, or by any other his gracis officers, as afore sayd, or procure the same or any of the same to be passed vnder any the seales aforesaid, after any other sorte maner or facyon, or by any other warraunte or warrauntes, than as before is specifyed and declared, vppon peyne to forfayte for euery bill, warraunte, or writyng, passed contrarye to the order before lymitted and prescribed, the somme of. x. pounde sterlyng: The one halfe thereof to be to our soueraygne lorde the kynge, and the other halfe to hym that shall fyrste sewe for the same by action of dette, writte, bill, playnte or informacion in any of the kynges Courtes: in whiche action or suite no essoyen, protection, priuelege, nor wager of lawe shall be admitted, any maner acte, statute, prouision, proclamacion, or other ordynaunce here to fore had or made contrary to this presente acte, or any article of the same, in anywyse not withstandyng.

And neuer the lesse be it also enacted, that euery of the saied clerkes or other person, whiche shall passe in writyng, or procure to be passed in writing, any graunt or grauntes by immediate warrante, wherfore fees be paide at the greatte Seale, shall of the partyes receyue for the offices of the saied signet and priuie seale, as well suche fees as in this act is rated for writyng of any suche graunte or other writynges, as also the fees for the seale of the same: whiche fees and euery part and porcion therof, the same clerke or clerkes, by whome any graunt shall passe in writyng by immediate warraunt, shall vpon a bill of the hande of one of the saied clerkes of the saied sygnet

or priuie seale, delyuer vnto one of the same clerkes of the signette or priuie seale, within the space of thre monethes, nexte and immediatlye ensuyng after the passyng and sealyng of any the saied graunte or grauntes by immediate warraunt, vppon peyne of .x. li. sterlyng, to be by euery suche of the saied clerkes or other person, as shal offende, forfayted, to be leuied in forme aforesaied as often as he or they shall offende contrarye to the meanynge of this acte.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte, or any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wise preiudiciall to the lorde Treasorer of Englande for the tyme beyng, concernyng such warrantes or preceptes, as he by vertue of his office shall and maie directe immediatly to the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or to any other persone, for makyng out of the kynges grauntes or letters patentes, to any person or persons of any offices fermers of landes or tenementes, or of any other thyng belongyng to his nomination and disposicion: but that as well he may directe his saied warrauntes or preceptes for the causes aboue said, as also his clerke or clerkes, or other person may procure the same to be sealed vnder any of the seales afore saied, without any warrant to be before or after sewed or optcyned vnder the kinges signet or priuie seale for the same, in as large and ample maner, and after suche sorte and facion, as he or they myght haue done at any tyme before the makynge of this acte: any thyng in the same acte mencioned to the contrarye not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that al and euery lease and leases of the kinges manours landes tenementes possessions or other profittes or hereditamentes within the countie palantine of Lancaster, or of the duchie of Lancaster, out of the saied countie palantine, whiche the Chauncellour of the duchie of Lancaster for the tyme beyng, or the Chauncellour of the saied countie palantine for the tyme beyng, or eyther of them, shall hereafter make or graunt in the name of the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heires or successours to any maner person or persons, shall and may passe and be passed vnder the seales of the saied duchie of Lancaster, or of the saied countie palantyne of Lancaster or of eyther of them in maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene vsed and accustomed: any thyng in this presente acte, before made to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that al & euery gift graūt and patent of any maner office or offices, or any other thyng beyng, or which hereafter shall be in the countie palantine of Lancaster, or of the said duchie of Lāncaster, out of the said countie palantine, the yerely wages or fees whereof amounteth not ouer & aboue the value of .ii. pence by the day, shal and may passe and be passed by the said chauncellour of the duchie of lancaster, or by the saied chancellor of the said countie palātine, or of eyther of them for the tyme beyng, in maner and fourme as heretofore hathe bene vsed and accustomed: any article or thyng in this present acte before made to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And to thentent that as well suche as nowe be or hereafter shall be ministers

vsshers and clerkes of the kinges signet and p̄iuie seale, shulde haue and take honest and sufficient salarie and rewarde for the writyng of the saied warrauntes to be by them made as aforesaied, as also the kinges most loyng faythfull and obedient subiectes, knowyng the certaine charges to be by them laid out for the writing of the said warrātes, shuld not by any maner exaction or other sinister meanes be conteyned by any the said clerkes to pay more large and excessiue fees for the writyng of the same, than reason and conscience shal require: Be it enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that al and euery clerke and clerkes of the said signet and p̄iuy seale shal haue and take for his or their writing of a warrant vpon a byll for tailes of rewarde. xii. d. For the writyng of a warrant for the gyfte of euery office xx. d. For the writyng of a warrant for a pension annuitie or wages. xx. d. For the writyng of a warrant for a special leuerey, or other perpetuitie. vi. s. viii. d. For the writyng of a warrant vppon euery bylle for a congie desire to pall assent restitucion of temporalties donatiues aduocacions, presentacions, or other ecclesiastical mattier. iii. s. iiii. d. For the writynge of euery warrant vpon a placarde lycence pardon or shiriffes rewarde. ii. s. For the writyng of euery warrant vpon a denyzen. iii. s. iiii. d. For the writyng of a warrant for kepyng of an idiotte. xx. d. For the writyng of a warrant for keping of a warde. iii. s. iiii. d. And that no maner of clerke or clerkes of the signet or p̄iuie seale aforesaid shall take for the writyng of any maner warraunt aboue specified, more large & ample fees, than before is prescribed and appoynted, vppon peyne of. x. li. sterlyng to be by him forfayted, that shall offend contrary to the trewe tenour and meanyng of the saied acte: the one halfe therof to be to the king our souerain lord, the other half to him that shal first sue for the same by bil action plaint or informacion in any of the kinges courtes: In which action or suite no essoen protection nor wager of lawe shall be admitted.

¶ Prouided also, that the lorde Chauncellour of England for the time being, shall and may at all tymes vse his discretion in passyng and speding any thyng by the gret seale, and deliuering the same, without pateng any fees for the great seale signet and p̄iuy seale, as the case of necessitie shall require, & as hath ben accustomed. And that the clerkes for writing or procuring such writynges and patentes by his cōmandment, shalbe discharged of al penalties expressed before in this act, for not receiuyng and payeng fees to the signet and p̄iuie seale, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

¶ And be it furthermore enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that this present act and euery parte and parcel therof, shal extend to the court of thaugmentacion of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and vnder euery officer & officers, their clerkes, & minister, p̄ now be and hereafter shalbe of the same court, to thobseruacio therof & of euery part therof, for & concerning the sealyng & writing of any maner patent lease or other graunt, which vpon p̄ kinges bil signed shal passe the gret seale of the same court: any speci-

al wordes conteined, in the act made in this present session for the stablish ment of the officers of the said court of thaugmentacion, or any other acte or prouision made to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ PROVIDED neuer the lesse, that this act or any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wyse prejudiciall to any maner person or persones, whom the kynges highnes shal by expresse cõmandment direct send or appoynt to procure any thyng or thynges to be sealed with any his maiesties seales, for or concernyng his maiesties priuate affaires, or ỹ affaires of his highnes realme: but that as wel the same person or psons, beyng apoynted by the kinges highnes as aforsaid, as also such officer and officers as shal haue the keping of any the kinges seales, their ministers and clerkes shal and maie seale write and delyuer, and procure the sealynge wrytyng and delyueryng of any suche thyng or thynges, concernyng the kynges highnes affaires, as afore saied, without beyng bounde to procure any maner warraunte, or paiyng any maner fees at or to the signet or priuey seale for the same: so that the name or names of euery suche persone or persones as shal procure the sealyng of any suche thyng or thynges on the kynges behalfe, as afore saied, be entred in the clerke of the Hanapers boke, after this sorte, per A. ad mandatum domini regis: any thyng in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that this act nor any thing conteined in the same, be not in any wise prejudiciall to any maner person or persones, whiche here after shall haue by the kinges hyghnes, or by any his maiesties officers, the grant or lease of any maner ferm or fermes to be sealed with any his highnes seales, the yerely rent wherof amounteth not aboue the somme of .vi. li. xvi.s. viii.d. sterlyng: but that as well euery such person and persones, as officer and officers, hauyng the custody of such seale or seales, their ministers and clerkes, may write seale and deliuer, or procure the wrytyng sealyng and delyueryng of any such lease or leases, as afore saied, without paieng therfore any maner fees at or to the signe or priuy seale for the same; any thyng in this acte mencioned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for true makyng of wollen clothes. cap xii.

FOr as much as great infamy and slander hath risen of late yeres in sondry outwarde parties beyond the see, of the vntrue makyng of wollen clothes within this realme, to the great derogacion of the common weale of the same, & to the no lyttell hynderaunce of the sale of the said cõmoditie. For remedy wherof be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that after the feaste of sayncte Mighell tharchaungell nexte commyng, all and euery clothier within this realme, shall weaue or cause to be wouen his or their

their seuerall token or marke in al and euery clothe, kersey, and other clothes what so euer they be, made and wrought to be vttered and sold. And whan any such clothe shal be redy made and dressed to be put to sale, euery of the same clothers shall set his seale of leade vnto euery of the same his or their clothes and kerseys, in whiche seale of leade shall be conteined the true and iuste length of euery of the same clothes or kerseyes as it shal be duely found by euery byer of the same, vpon due proffe therof to be tried by the water. And in case vpon any such proue to be made by any bier of them at the water, there shalbe foūd lesse or smaller content in length, than is cōteined and specified in euery of their said seales: than euery of the said clothiers makyng suche defaulte, shall lese and forfayte vnto euery such byer of the same, the double value of so much cloth as shall wante and lacke of his saied content in length, at the only syght and iugement of any two indifferent persons, that shal measure the same clothes and kerseis. And euery clothier sendyng or putting any of their clothes to seal, before such tyme as al and euery of the same clothes shalbe sealed by ꝑ auneger of the same counties, where it shal chance any of the said clothes so to be made: and also to be ordered and sealed by euery of the said clothiers in form aforesaid, shal lese and forfaite his cloth or clothes what so euer thei be, the one halfe therof shal be to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, and the other halfe to him or them that wol sue for the same by byl, playnt, action of det, or other wyse: in whiche action no wager of law, essoen, or protection shall be allowed.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctority aforesaid, that after the said feast of saynt Mighell tharcangell, euery brode cloth shall conteyne in breade seuen quarters of a yard within the listis at the least, and to hold the same content alwaies if it be proued at the water. The act made in the first yere of the reigne of our said souerayne lord, that euery brode clothe shuld conteyne two yardes in breade within the listis, or any other thyng therin conteyned, touching the keping of the same breade of two yardes, in any wise not withstandyng. And euery kersey shal conteine in breade one yard within the listis at the least, if it be proued in the water: vpon peine to forfayte for euery such brode clothe. iii. s. iii. d. and for euery suche kersey. xx d. To be recouered to the vse of the kynges highnes, and of any other that woll sue for the same in maner and fourme before declared.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this present act extende not to any clothes, called set clothes, of all sortes made in the countie of Suff. not exceedyng the price of. xl vi. s. viii. d. the cloth, nor to any clothes called Tauelstockes, westerne doseynes, fryses, kendals, cottons, and all maner of course clothes, made for lynynges.

¶ And be it further enacted by the said auctorite, that the aunager of any countie shall not seale any of the said clothes with the kynges seale, vntil suche time as they and euery of them shall be first ordered and sealed with their contentes, according to the trewe meanyng of this presente acte, in

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fourme aforesaied, vppon peyne of lesynge of his office. And that no byer of any of the saied clothes or kerseys, marked and sealed in fourme aforesaied, presume by any maner of sleight, meanes or ingines, to drawe, pull, or to stretch out any of the same clothes or kerseis, otherwise than to make them euen after they be wet, and to agre with the contentes specified and contemed in the seale of euery of the same clothes and karseys, as nere as they can, vpon peyne to forfait the double value of euery clothe or kersey, so mysyed contrary to the true intent and meanyng of this present act. To beleuied to the vse of the kynges highnes, and of any other that will sue for the same, in lyke maner and fourme as is before declared.

¶ Prouided alway, that al cloth here after made to be sold within the city of Worcetour, the townes of Droutwich, Euesham, Kedirminster, & Bromesgroue, in the countie of Worcetour, shall be sealed with the seale of the serchers there, accordyng to an act of parliament in that behalfe prouided and made, the .xxv. yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne lord, and that the owners of the clothes made within the saied citie and townes, shal not be compelled by this acte, to put their owne seales to any clothes there made or here after to be made.

An acte that whyte wollen clothes of . iiii . li. and vnder: and colored clothes of . iii . li . and vnder, maie be from henceforth caried ouer the see. Cap. xiii.

Where as by acte of parlyamente, holden in the fyfte yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde the kynge that nowe is, it was ordeyned and enacted, that no wollen clothe aboue the price of fyue markes shoulde be conueyed ouer the see vnrowed, vnbarbed, and vnshorne, vppon certayne penaltyes in the same acte expressed more at large. Whiche acte beyng put in execucion, shall not onely redounde and tourne to the abatementes of the kynges customes, but also grow to the vtter vndoyng of his gracis subiectes, cloth makers and marchantes, conueiers of the said clothes: by reason that woll is ryssen to a farre gretter price, than it was at the makyng of the foresaid acte. For where a clothe was then commonly solde at fiue markes, it is nowe solde for foure poundes. And also by force of the saied act, the marchantes shuld be bound to dresse euery white cloth abouethe value of fyue markes on this syde the see, after that they haue bought them: which white cloth so dressed, whan they be brought in to the parties beyond the see, and there by ꝑ biers of them died & put in colours, than they must be newely dressed, barbed, shorne, and rowed: and soo they shal be therby the lesse in substãce of them selfes, and the worse to the sale, and solde for lesse price by tenne or twelue shillynges a pece beyond the see then they shulde be vndressed. Wherfore be it ordeined and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, his lordes spirituall and temporal, and the cõmons

mons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that euery white wollen cloth sold for foure poundes and vnder: & euery coloured clothe solde for thre poundes and vnder, maie be caried and conueied into the parties of beyonde the see, there to be solde at the pleasure of the byers of the saied clothe or clothes vnbarbed vnshorne and vnrowed: any acte or actes to the contrary made not withstandyng.

¶ And ouer this be it ordeyned and enacted, by the saied auctoritee, that if any persone or persones sende or conuey, or cause to be sente and conueyed into the parties beyonde the see, any whyte wollen clothe aboue the value of foure poundes, or any coloured cloth aboue the price of thre poundes vnrowed, vnbarbed, and vnshorne, in other fourme that is aforesaied: that then the person or persons so offendyng, shall forfayte the value of the said clothes, so caried and cōueyed into the parties beyond the see: The one moitie of the same forfayture to be to the vse of our saied soueraygne lorde the kynge, and the other moytie to euery person whiche will or shall sue by bill writte, informacion, or other wise agaynst any person for the same. And that the defendant in any plee, vpon any suche action be not admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne for any suche defendaunt be allowed in the same.

¶ An acte concernyng the custome of lether. Cap xiiii.

Where great quantitee and muche haboundaunce of lether is daily conueyed out of this realme, as wel by estraungers as also by tanners and other the kinges subiectes, inhabited in diuers parties of this realme towardes the see costes, and in especially out of wales, Chesshire, and Cornewal, where lytel or no custome is paid for the same, which lether is cōmonly packed by the said estrangers tanners and other the kynges subiectes in theyr houses, and so conueyed vnto the portes and hauens, where they intende to shyp the same: whiche packes so conueied and brought to such portes and hauens to be shypped, be neuer there vnpacked, to be viewed what nombre of lether is conteyned in any suche packe, but entered in the customers bokes by and vpon the informacion and reporte of the said strangers tanner or other persone transporter of the same lether. And all be it that the kynges hyghnes in such places and portes hath very lytell customes paide for the same, yet for as much as in suche places there is no better serche nor viewe had for the perfecte knowlege of the nombre and quantitee of the lether, soo by them packed, the kynges grace is muche decepued of suche his customes as owghte therefore to accrue to his hyghnes. For where in the porte of London two persones be named and appoynted by the wayer of the wolles within the same porte for the tyme beyng, to tel and nombre all suche lether by the hyde, accomptyng ten hydes to the decker, and also all woll felles, as within the same porte shall be shypped frome tyme to tyme,

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which two persons be sworne before the customers of his great custome, truly and duely to do and execute their offices, in tellyng and nomberyng all suche lether and woll felles in the presence of the sayd customers, and of the comptroler of the same custome or of their deputies, who beinge present and viewige the same, do make entree therof in their bokes. And after such tale made and entre taken, an other person by the maire of London for the tyme being constituted and appoynted, is also sworne, trewly to packe the same lether so told & entred in to the customers bokes, euery of the same tellers & packers takyng suche fees for their labours, as of olde tyme haue ben vsed lymitted and accustomed, euery stranger paieng for custome of euery deker iiii. s. ix. d. and euery denisen. iiii. s. i. d. Whiche lyke custome is also payed in the port of Hampton, but not in many other portes of this realme, & specially in wales, Chesshier, and Cornwayle, out of the whiche parties, by reason of such smal customes, more lether is conueied ouer the see, than out of other places of this realme, whiche is an occasion of derth and greatte prices of the same lether. For the redresse whereof, and to thentente that one maner of custome for euery such deker of lether so conueyed ouer the see, as wel by denisens as strangers, shalbe payde throwout this realme, wales, and other the kynges dominions: and also that the kynges hyghnes maye be the better assured of his customes to be paied for al such lether as shal be here after caried and conueied ouer the see: Be it enacted by thauctoritee of this present parliament, that from henseforth no maner of estraunger nor denisen shall packe or cause to be packed any maner of lether, to be conueyed or shipped ouer the se out of this realme wales or other the kinges dominions, other wyse than in this acte is expressed, that is to saye, that all suche lether shal be hereafter packed by a packer sworne in euery such port, where any lether shalbe shipped to be cōueied out of this realme wales or other the kynges dominions, vpon peyne of forfaiture of al suche lether as hereafter shalbe packed contrary to the purporte of this acte, or of the value therof. And also that from hensforth euery stranger and denizen, whiche shall shyp sende or conuey any lether ouer the see, out or from any parte of this realme wales Chesshire or other the kynges dominions, shall pay like custome for the same, as is vsed to be payd within the porte of London, that is to saye, euery straunger to pay for euery deker of lether for custome. iiii. s. ix. d. And euery denisen. iiii. s. i. d.

¶ And be it also enacted, that within euery porte hauen and Creke within this Realme wales and other the kynges dominions, where no tellers nor packers at this presente tyme be, nor before the makyng of this acte haue bene, that from henseforth the customers and comtrollers of euery such port hauen and creke, where suche lether shall be shipped to be conueyed in to the partyes beyonde the see, shall haue power by auctoritee of this acte, to name constitute and apoynte one able person, to tell and nomber all suche lether as shall be at any tyme there shypped, whiche person so named, shall be sworne by the customer and Comptroller of euery suche port, hauen, and

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Creke, trewely and duely to execute his office in the presence of the custo-
mer and controller of euery suche porte creke or hauen, where anye suche
lether shall be shipped, or of his or their deputie or deputies, the same teller
takyng of euery stranger for the tellyng of euery diker of lether fyue pence:
whereof the same teller to haue for his labour two pens, and foure pence to
be to the commmaltie of the same towne and porte, towarde the paiment of
their fee ferme and other their charges: And of euery denysen, not beyng a
free man of the saied porte and hauen, for euery diker, foure pence, whereof
the teller to haue two pence, and other two pence to be to the comminalty of
the same porte or hauen, for thentent aboue declared: And of euery diker by
any persone beyng a free man of suche porte and hauen, but onely two pence
for his labour. And that immediatly after suche tale had, and entre thereof
made by the customer or his deputie, an other able persone named deputed
and assigned by the saied customers and comtrollers of euery such port and
hauen, and before them swore, trewly and dewly to do and execute his of-
fyce, shall packe all such lether, so tolde and entred, euery packe to conteyne
as many diker, vnder the nombre of seuen diker, as it shall please the mar-
chant or owner therof to appointe, takyng for his labour for the packyng
of euery packe foure pence.

And be it further enacted by the saied auctoritee, that if any packer take
vpon him to packe any lether before it be tolde or numbred, and entre ther-
of made by the customer or his deputie, or at any time packe more lether thā
shall be tolde and entred, according to the purporte of this acte: that then
the same packer to forfayte and lose for euery time doyng the contrary. v. li.
and to suffre therfore imprisonment at the kynges pleasure. And also that
if the teller within any suche porte or hauen, at any tyme hereafter, take vp-
pon him to tel or nombre any lether in the absence of the customer comptrol
ler, or of his or their deputie or deputies, than the same teller for euery tyme
so doyng to lose and forfayte fiue markes.

And for as muche as dyuers estrangers cary and conuey theyr lether frō
one porte to an other, and by the way cause the same lether to be packed, wht
the packes so cōueied be nat vndone nor opened at their arriuall within the
portes, whervnto they be so transported: but there only entred by and vpon
the report & informacion of the marchant estranger, or of his factour, wher
by muche custome is conceled: Be it therfore also enacted by the saied au-
toritee, that if any estraunger, or other his factour, at any tyme hereafter,
do conuey & carie any lether, from one port to an other, to the intent to shyp
the same in suche other porte, wherevnto it shall be so conueyed, the same e-
straunger or other his factour for him, before suche transportynge of the
same lether, shall cause the saied lether, fyrste to be tolde within the same
porte, from whense he woll or intendeth to carie the same: and the same soo
tolde cause to be entred by the customer of the same porte, or his deputye:
and cause to be also packed by the saied packer of the saied porte, where
it shall be so tolde, takyng of the custome or customers of the same porte

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or hauen, or they? deputie or deputies a certificate, expreſſyng the nombre or quantitie of dikers of all the ſame lether, ſo to be caried and tranſported, directed to the cuſtomer of the other port or hauen, wherunto the ſame lether ſhal be ſo conueied, makyng mencion alſo in the ſame certificat, whether the cuſtome therof accordyngly be trewely payed or not. And in caſe any ſuche lether be caried or conueyed frome one port to an other, there to be ſhypped, without hauyng of ſuche certificate: that then the ſame lether, or the value therof to be forfayted.

¶ And be it further enacted, that no tanner within this realme, Wales, or other the kinges dominions, or other perſons occupieng or haupng a tanne houſe, ſhall from henſeforthe ſende or cauſe to be conueied ouer the ſee, by way of marchandyſe or otherwiſe, any maner of lether tanned or vntanned, vpon peyne of forfayture of all ſuche lether, or the valne therof. Nor that any perſon or perſons at any tyme hereafter: ſhal carie or conuey ouer the ſee out of this realme, Wales, or other the kynges dominions, any ſalt or vntanned hides, or any lether called backes or ſole lether, the kynges ſpeciall lycence not optepned for the ſame, vpon peyne of forfayture of all ſuche hydes and lether called backes or ſole lether, or the valu therof: The one half, of all the ſaied forfaptures to be to the kynges hyghnes and the other halfe to any of his ſubiectes, that will purſewe for the ſame in any his courtes by action of det, byll, playnte, mformacion, or otherwyſe, in which ſuite none eſſoyn protection wager of lawe or other dilatorie ple for the defendant ſhal be admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, ſhall not be hurteful, nor preiudicial to any captaine of any ſhippe in the tyme of warre, beyng in the retinue and ſeruice of the kynges highnes: Nor to any owner or maiſter of any ſhyppe beyng the kynges ſubiecte, goyng in to Ireland, Danſke, Norwey, or Southwarde beyonde the ſtraictes: but that euery ſuche captayne and maiſter of euery ſuche ſhyppe, duryng the warre time, and euery maiſter to ſuche ſhippes, paſſyng into the places before named, may and ſhal at they? pleaſure haue and carie ſalte hides in their ſhippes, ſo that euery of them ſhal not haue at ſuch viage, or during the warre, at any one tyme aboue the nombre of eyghte ſalte hides, This acte or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary in any wyſe not withſtandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that hydes vntanned of any beaſtes, beyng kylled within wales or the marches therof, may be conueyed and caried in to outwarde parties by any perſon or perſons from tyme to tyme, except onely by tanners, and ſuche as haue tanne houſes, in ſuche and lyke maner as they myght haue bene before the makynge of this acte, any thyng in the ſame mencioned to the contrary not withſtandyng.

¶ An acte whereby the kynges maiestie shall haue power to nominate .xxxii. persons of his clergie and late tee for makynge of ecclesiasticall lawes. Cap. xv.

SIthen the beginnyng of this present parliament, there is an act ordeined and established accordyng to the purporte and effecte as hereafter folowethe, that is to saye, where the kynges humble and obedient subiectes, the clergie of this realme of Englande, haue not onely knowleged accordyng to the truthe, that the conuocacions of the same clergie is, alwaies hath ben and ought to be assembled onely by the kynges writte, but also submittyng them selfes to the kynges maiestee, hath promised in verbo sacerdotii, that they wyll neuer from henseforth presume to attempt allege claim or put in vre, or enact promulge or execute any new canons constitucions ordinance prouincial or other, or by what so euer other name they shall be called in the conuocacion, onelesse the kynges most royal assent and licence maie to them be had to make promulge and execute the same, and that his maiestie do gyue his moste royall assent and auctoritie in that behalfe: and where diuers constitucions ordinances and canons prouincial or synodall, whiche heretofore haue ben enacted, and be thought not onely to be muche preiudiciall to the kynges prerogatiue royal, and repugnāte to the lawes & statutes of this realme, but also ouer much onerous to his hyghnes & his subiectes, the said clergie hath most humbly besought the kynges highnes, that the saied constitucions and canons may be cōmitted to the examinacion and iudgement of his highnes and of .xxxii. persons of the kynges subiectes, whereof .xvi. to be of the vpper and nether house of the parlyament of the temporaltie, and other .xvi. to be of the clergie of this realme, and all the saied .xxxii. persones to be chosen and appoynted by the kynges maiestie, and that suche of the saied constitucions and canons as shal be thought and determined by the saied .xxxii. persons, or the more part of them worthy to be abrogated and adnulled, shal be abolyte and made of no value accordyngly: And suche other of the same constitucions and canons, as by the said .xxxii. or the more part of them, shalbe approued to stād with the lawes of god, and consonant to the lawes of this realme, shal stād in their full strengthe and power, the kynges moste royall assente fyrst had and optayned to the same: Be it therfore nowe enacted by auctoritee of this present parlyament, accordyng to the saied submission and petition of the saied clergie, that they ne any of them from henseforth shall presume to attempt allege claime or put in vre any constitucions or ordinaūces prouincial or synodalles, nor any other canons: Nor shall enacte promulge or execute any such canons constitucions or ordinances prouincial, by what so euer name or names they maie be called in their conuocacions in tyme comming, which shalbe alway assembled by auctorite of the kynges writ, onles the same clergie maie haue the kynges most royal assent and licence to make promulge & execute such canōs constituciōs & ordinaūces prouincial or synodals,

dalles, vpon peyne of euery one of the saied clergie, doyng contrarie to this acte, and beyng thereof conuicte, to suffre imprisonment, and make fyne at the kynges will.

¶ And for as muche as such canons constitucions and ordinances, as here tofore hath benne made by the clergie of this realme, can not nowe at the session of this present parliament, by reason of shortenes of tyme, be viewed examined and determined by the kynges highnes and .xxxii. persones to be chosen and appointed accordyng to the peticion of the saied clergie in forme aboue rehersed: Be it therfore enacted by auctorite afforesaid, that the kynges highnes shall haue power and auctorite, to nominate and assygne at his pleasure the saied .xxxii. persones of his subiectes, wherof .xvi. to be of the clergy, and .xvi. to be of the temporaltie, of the vpper and nether house of the parlyament. And if any of the said .xxxii. persons so chosen, shal happen to dye before their full determinacion, than his highnes to nominate other from tyme to tyme of the saied .ii. houses of parlyament, to supply the nombre of the said .xxxii. And that the same .xxxii. by his highnes so to be named, shal haue power and auctorite to viewe serch and examine the said canons constitucions & ordenance prouincial and sinodal hertofore made, and such of them as the kynges highnes and the said .xxxii. or the more part of them, shal deme and adiudge worthy to be continued kept & obeied, shalbe frome thensefoorth kept obeied and executed within this realme, so that the kinges most royal assente vnder the greatte seale be fyrste had to the same. And the residue of the saied canons constitucions and ordinaunces prouincial, whiche the kynges highnes & the saied .xxxii. persons, or the more parte of them shal not approue, or deme and iudge worthy to be abolite abrogate & made frustrate, shal from henseforth be voide and of none effect, and neuer be put in execucion within this realme.

¶ Prouided alway, that no canons constitucions or ordinance shalbe made and put in execucion within this realme, by auctorite of the conuocacion of the clergie, whiche shalbe contrariant or repugnant to the kynges prerogatiue royall, or the customes lawes or statutes of this realme: any thing conteyned in this acte to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that such canons constitucions ordinances and synodals prouincial beyng all redy made, which be not contrariant nor repugnant to the lawes statutes and customes of this realme, nor to the damage or hurte of the kinges prerogatiue roial, shalbe nowe stil vsed and executed as they were before the makyng of this acte, tyll suche tyme as they be viewed serched or otherwise ordered and determined by the said .xxxii. persones or the more part of them, accordyng to the tenour forme and effect of this present acte: as by the saied acte amonges other thynges more at large is expressed.

¶ And for as muche as the kynges highnes hath not named and assigned the said .xxxii. persons sithen the makyng of the said act: be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this parliament, that the kynges maiestie shal haue ful power and auctorite, as well afore as after the dissolucion of this present

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parliament at his libertie and pleasure to name and assigne .xvi. persons of the clergy, & .xvi. lay persons of the temporalte. And if after such nominacio any of the said persons happen to decesse, that then the kinges highnes shal haue power and auctorite to nominate and assigne from time to time, other in their places, to supply the nombre of the said .xxxii. And that ỹ said .xxxii. persons so to be nominated by his maiestie, at all times from henseforth for the terme of thre yeres next after the dissolucion of this parliamẽt, shal haue power and auctorite to assemble them selfes together from time to tyme by the kynges commaundement, for the dewe and perfeyghte execucion of the said act, accordyng to the ententes and true menyng of the same, any thing in the saied acte to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

¶ An acte concernyng enrolmentes of bargaynes and contractes of landes and tenementes. Cap. xvi.

BE it enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that from the laste date of July, whiche shal be in the yere of our lord god. M. D xxxvi. no manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes shal passe alter or change from one to a nother, wherby any estate of enheritaunce or free hold shal be made or take effecte in any person or persones, or any vse therof to be made by reason onely of any bargayne and sale therof, excepte the same bargain and sale be made by writyng indented sealed and inrolled in one of the kinges courtes of record at westminster, or els within the same countie or counties, where the same manours landes or tenementes so bargained & sold lie or be, before the custos Rotulorũ and .ii. iustices of ỹ peace and the clerk of the peace, of the same countie or counties, or two of them at the leaste, wherof the clerke of the peace to be one: and the same enrolmente to be had and made within six monethes next after the date of the same writinges indented, the same custos Rotulorũ or iustices of the peace & clerke taking for the enrolment of euery such writing indented before them, where the lande compryzed in the same writyng excede not the yerely value of .xl. s. two shillynges, that is to say .xii. d. to the iustices, and .xii. to the clerke: And for the enrollemente of euery suche writyng endented before them, wherein the land compryzed excede the some of .xl. s. in yerely valu. v. s. that is to say ii. s. vi. d. to the said iustices, and .ii. s. vi. d. to the said clerk for the enrolling of the same. And that the clerke of the peace for the time beyng within euery such countie, shal sufficiently enrol and engrosse in parchement the same dedes or writinges indented, as is aforesaid, and the rolles therof at thend of euery yere shal deliuer vnto the saied custos Rotulorum of the same countie for the tyme beyng, there to remayne in the custody of the saied custos Rotulorum for the tyme being amõgest other recordes of euery of the same counties, where any suche enrollimentes shalbe so made, to thentent that euery partie that hath to do therwith maie resorte and se the effecte & tenour

of euery suche writyng so enrolled.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, extende to any maner londes tenementes or hereditamentes, lieng or being within any citie borough or towne corporate within this realme, wherin the maires, recorders, chamberlaines, bailiffes, or other officer or officers haue auctorite or haue laufully vsed to enroll any euidences dedes or other writynges within their precinct or limittes, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrarie not withstandyng.

¶ An acte concernyng suche as bene put in trust by theyr maysters, and after do robbe them. Cap. xvii.

Where before this time diuers & many euil disposed psons haue often & many times taken and stollen fro their maisters & maistresses diuers Jewels, plate, money, and other goodes and catalles, to the greate hurte and losses of their saied maisters and maistresses. And not withstandyng the heinous offence contrary to the trust that the maister or maisters putteth in the seruantes, and contrary to the fayth that the seruant of duetie shulde beare to his maister or maystresse, yet whan they haue bene arrayned of the saied felonies, manye of them haue ben admitted to their clergie, and some of them haue bene admitted to take the priuilege of sayntuarie, as other felons haue benne for offences not so heynous, to the greatte boldenesse of other persones to commit suche lyke offences. Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned, and established, by the kynge our soueraygne lorde with thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that if from henseforth any seruaunte for the tyme being in seruice of any person or persons happen to steale or felonously take awaie any Jewelles, money, plate, or other goodes or cattelles of his saied maister or maystresse, or if hereafter any seruaunte, to whome any caskette, Jewelles, money, goodes, or cattelles, shall be delyuered by his said mayster or maystresse, by any other to their vse, withdrawe them selfe fro their saied maisters or maystresses, and goo awaie with the saied caskette, Jewelles, money, goodes, or other catelles, or any parte therof contrary to the truste and confidence to him or them putte by his or their saied mayster or maistresse, or elles beyng in the seruice of his saied mayster or maystresse, without the assente or commaundement of his saied mayster or maystresse, he embesell the same caskette, iewelles, money, goodes, or cattelles, or any parte therof, or other wise conuerte the same to his owne vse, with like purpose to stele it, if the said caskettes iewels plate money goodes or cattelles, that any such persō shal take fro his maister or maistresse, be to the value of xl.s. or aboue or if the saied caskettes iewels goodes money or cattels, that any suche seruant after deliuery of the same, shall go awaie with: or whiche he shal imbesel with purpose to stele it, as is aforsaid, be of the value of xl.s

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or aboue, that the euery such seruant, that so shal stele fro his said maister or maisters any such iewelles goodes or catels, or imbesell any casket Jewels money plate or other goodes to him deliuered, i maner before rehersed, and be founde guilie therof, or of any parcell of the same, according to the lawe of the lande, or vpon his arraynement before any Justice confesse the same, shal from henceforth be but from his clergy, and be put to execucion, as if he were no clerke.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctorite aforesaied, that euery such persone or persones, that so shall stele the goodes of his saied mayster or maisters, or imbesell that that so to him shall be deliuered, as is aforesaid, if the same goodes be of the value of .xl. s. as is aforesaied, shall lose the priuilege of all sayntuaries: Any vse or custome heretofore had or vsed to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for the preseruacion of the ryuer of Thamise. Cap xviii.

Vhere before this time the ryuer of Thamis among al other ryuers within this realme hath ben accepted and taken, and as it is in deed moste commodious and profitable to all the kynges liege people, and chiefely of all other frequented and vsed, as well by the kynges hyghnes his estates and nobles marchauntes and other repairyng to the cite of London and other places shires and counties adioynyng to the same, whiche ryuer of Thamys is and hath bene moste mete and conuenyente of all other for the sauegarde and orderyng of the kynges Nauie, conueyance of marchandises, and other necessaries to and for the kynges most honorable household, and otherwise to the great relefe and comforte of all persones within this realme, till nowe of late dyuers euyll disposed persones partly by misorderyng of the saied ryuer by castyng in of dunge and other fylth layed nyghe the bankes of the saied ryuer, dyggyng and vnderminyng of the bankes and walles nexte adioynyng to the same ryuer, carieng and conueyenge away of wayshides shores piles bordes tymber worke baleft for shippes and other thinges from the said bankes and walles in sundry places: by reason wherof greatte shelpes and rysynges haue of late bene made and growen in the fayrway of the saied ryuer, and suche groundes as lye within the leuel of the saied water marke by occasion therof haue bene surrounded and ouer flowen by rage of the saied water, and many greatte breaches haue ensued and folowed there vpon, and daily are like to do, and the said riuer of Thamis to be vtterly distroied for euer, if conueniente and spedy remedy be not soner prouided in that behalfe.

¶ For reformacion wherof be it enacted eſtabliſhed and ordeyned by the kyng our soueraygne lorde, and by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctorite of the same, that if any person or persons, hereafter do or procure any thyng

to be done in the annoyng of the streme of the said ryuer of Thamys, makyng of shelpes by any maner of meanes by mynyng dyggyng castyng of dunge rubbishe or other thyng in the same ryuer, or take plucke or conueye awaie any bourdes stakes piliers tumbre work or other thing from the said bankes or walles, excepte it be to amende and repayre the same agayne, or digge or vndermyne any bankes or walles vpon the water side of Thamys aforesaied, to the hurte impairyng or damage of any of the saied walles or bankes: Than the same person or persones and euery of them shall forfayte and pay for euery tyme so offendyng, one hundred shillynges, the one moytie therof to be to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other moitie ther of to the mayre and communaltie of London for the tyme being, the same to be recouered and opteyned by the mayre and communaltie of London, by bylle playnte writte of dette or informacion seuerally ayenst euery offendour in any of the kynges courtes, in which actions and sutes or any of them the partie defendant shal not be assoined nor wage his lawe, nor any protection to be a lowed in the same.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctoritee afore saied, that if complaint shal happen to be made to the lord Chauncellour of Englande, lord treasourer, lord president of the kynges counsell, lord priuy seale, or to any of them, by any person or persons or body politike, that syr Thomas Sperte knyght, nowe hauyng the office and orderyng of and for balastyng for shippes, or any other that hereafter shall haue the said office and order for balastyng of shippes, do take any balest for shippes nere to the said riuer of Tamis, and do not take for parcell of the saied balastynge the grauell and sande of the shelpes betwene Grenehythe and Rychemonde within the saied ryuer of Tamis, or in any place or places, that is or shalbe to the damage or annoyaunce of the saied ryuer of thamis, or any parte therof: that then vpon euery suche complaynt the said lorde Chauncellour, lorde Treasourer, lorde president of the kynges moste honourable counsayle, lorde priuie seale, and euery of them, callyng bothe the chicke Justices of eyther benche or one of them, shall haue power and auctoritee from tyme to tyme, to here and finally determyne euery such complaint by their discrections, and to put such order therin, and for taking of balest for shippes vpon euery such complaint, as by their discrections shall seme moste conuenient for the conseruacion of the saied ryuer of thamis: and the parties offendyng such order, shall suffre imprisonment, and make no lesse fyne than fyue pounde to the kynges vse, for euery tyme offendyng or breakyng the same.

¶ Prouided alwais and be it enacted, that it shall be lauful to euery person and persons to dygge carie and take away sande grauel or any other rubbyshe erthe or thyng lieng or beyng in or vpon any shelpe or shelpes within the said ryuer of Thamys, without let or interrupcion of any persone or persons, or paiyng any thyng for the same, any thyng conteyned in this present acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

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¶ An acte limittyng an order for sayntuaries and saintuarie persons Cap. xix.

Uher vpon trust of saintuaries and the licencious liberties that heretofore haue ben and yet daily ben vsed in the same, dyuers persones haue bene the more bolde to perpetrate and committe many detestable murders rapes robberies theftes, & other myscheuous detestable and abhominable dedes, for that they haue ben alwayes releued ayded and succured by the sayntuaries, whan so euer and as ofte as they or any of them haue offended in any of the premisses, to the most greuous displeasure of almightie god, and extreme detriment and hurte of the kynges subiectes: In auoydyng of such presumptuouse boldnes, It is enacted ordeyned and establisshed by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, with the assent of his lordes spiritual and temporall, and the cōmons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that al and synguler persone or persones, whiche nowe be or at any tyme hereafter shalbe priuileged in any saintuarie, within any of the kinges dominiōs, for murder or felony, from the first day of Maye nexte commyng, shall dayly, whan so euer he or they be without the house or mansion, wherin they haue their lodging, weare a badge or cognisance, by the gouernour of euery saintuarie to be assigned and appointed, openly, vppon their vpper garment, of the compasse in length and bredth of tenne inches, vpon peine that they and euery of them, whan so euer and as often as any of theim beyng out of the saied house or mansion, wherein he hathe his saied lodgyng, shall be founden and taken without the same badge or cognisance, clerely to lose and forfaite his or their priuilege and auantage of saintuarie. And that it shall be laufull to all and singuler the kinges subiectes to apprehend and take euery such offender and offenders, beyng without his badge or cognisance, as aforesaied: and him to bryng out of the saintuarie into the next gaole, there to remayne vnto the next gaole delyuere, and then to be tried, accordynge to the due course and order of the lawe, as thoughe he had neuer ben priuyleged in any suche sayntuarie.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforsaid, that no maner of the said priuilege persons, at any time hereafter beare occupie or weare vpon them any maner of sworde knyfe or other wepon, other than their meate knyues, and the same meate kniues but at their meales only, vpon pein as is aboue rehersed.

¶ Furthermore be it enacted by the saied auctoritee, that if any of the saied priuileged persons at any time after the saied fyrst Maye daie, fortune to be founde apprehended or taken out of his or their lodgyng, before the son risyng in the mornyng, or after the sonne goyng downe in the euenyng, the same priueleged persone so founde apprehended or taken shall at the fyrste tyme for his so offendyng, suffre imprisonment within the same saintuarie, by the space of, ii. dayes, and at the seconde tyme to haue imprisonmente by the

the ſpace of ſyxe dayes, and at the thirde tyme, that he ſhalbe ſo founden ap-
prehended or take out of his ſaid lodging, contrary to the order before men-
cioned, and the ſame being ſubſtantially proued by indifferent proues ther-
of tobe made before the lorde chauncellour of England for the tyme beyng,
tofortayte and loſe his or theyr priuilege of ſayntuarie.

¶ Alſo be it further enacted by the ſaid auctorite, that if any maner of ſain-
tuarie perſon or perſons of prepenſed malyce at any tyme hereafter do reſ-
kewe or reſiſte any of the gouernours aforeſaied, or their deputies, in execu-
tyng of theyr office in takyng and impriſonyng of any of the perſones pri-
uileged offendyng contrarie to the tenour of this acte, that then he or they
that ſhall fortune to make reſkewes: ſhall be hereafter taken out of ſaintu
arie, and to ſuffre and be tried as felons in euery thyng.

And ouer that it be enacted by the auctorite aforeſaid, that al maner of cō-
tractes of det vnder .xl.s. treſpaces and couenantes, ỹ at any time here after
ſhal hapē to be made or grow within any of ỹ ſaied ſaituaries betwene any
of the ſaid priuileged perſon or perſons & other inhabitantes within any ſu
che ſentuarie that the gouernours or their deputie of any of the ſame ſayn-
tuaries, where any ſuch cōtract treſpas or couenant ſhal fortun to be made
growe or be, as is aforeſaied, ſhall haue full power and auctorite by this
preſente acte, to order iudge and determine the ſame, accordyng as it ſhall
be dewly there proued afore the ſaied gouernour of gouernours.

¶ An acte conteinyng an order for tythes through the realme. Cap. xx.

FOr as muche as dyuers noumbres of euyll diſpoſed per-
ſones, inhabited in ſundrie counties, cities, townes, and
places of this realme, hauyng no reſpect to their duieties to
almyghtie god, but agaynſte righte and good conſcience,
haue attempted to ſubtract and withold in ſome places the
hole, and in ſome places greatte partes of theyr tythes and
oblactons, as well perſonall as predial dewe vnto god and holy churche,
and purſewyng ſuche theyr deteſtable enormities and iniuries, haue at-
temted in late time paſt to diſobey contemne and diſpiſe the proceſſe lawes
and decrees of the eccleſiaſticall courtes of this realme, in more temerous &
large maner than before this tyme hath ben ſene. For reformacion of which
ſaid iniuries, and for vnitie and peace to be preſerued amongeſt the kinges
ſubiectes of this realme, our ſouerayngne lorde the kynge, beyng ſupreme
heed in erthe vnder god of the churche of Englande, willyng the ſpirituall
ryghtes and duties of that churche to be preſerued continued and mayntei-
ned, hath ordeined and enacted by auctorite of this preſent parliament, that
euery of his ſubiectes of this realme of Englande Irelande wales and Ca-
les and marches of the ſame, according to the eccleſiaſtical lawes and ordi-
naunces of his churche of England, & after the laudable vſages and cuſto-
mes of there pariſhe or other place where he dwelleth or occupieth, ſhal yeld

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and paye his tithes offeringes and other duties of holy churche: And that for suche subtractions of any of the saied tithes offerynges or other duties the person vicar curate or other partie in that behalfe greued, maie by dewe proces of the kynges ecclesiasticall lawes of the churche of England conuict the person or persones so offendyng before his ordinarye, or other competent iudge of this realme, hauing auctoritie to here and determine the right of tithes, and also to compell the same persone or persones offendyng to do and yelde theyr said dewties in that behalf. And in case the ordenarie of the diocesse, or his cõmissary, or the archedecon or his officiall, or any other competente iudge aforesaied, for any contempte contumacy disobedyence or other misdemeanour of the partie defendante, make informacion and requeste to any of the kinges most honorable councel, or to the iustices of the peace of the shire where suche offendour dwelleth, to assiste or ayde the same ordinary commissary archdecon officiall or iudge, to order or refourme any suche person in any cause before rehersed: That then he of the kynges saied honorable counsaile, or suche two Justices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, to whom suche informacion or requeste shalbe made, shal haue full power and auctorite by vertue of this act to attache or cause to be attached the person or persones apenste whom suche informacion or requeste shall be made, And to commit the same person or persons towarde, there to remaine without bayle or mainprise, tyl ꝑ he or they shall haue found sufficient suertie, to be bounde by recognisaunce or other wyse before the kynges saied counsaylour, or iustice of peace, or any other lyke counsailour or Justice of peace, to the vse of our saied soueraygne lorde the kynge, to gyue due obedience to the proces proceedinges decrees & sentences of ꝑ ecclesiastical court of this realme, wherin suche suite or mater for the premisses shall depẽde or be. And that euery of the kynges saied councellours, or two iustices of the peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum as is afore said, shal haue full power and auctoritee by vertue of this acte to take receyue and recorde recognisances and obligacions in any of the causes aboue writen.

¶ Prouided alwaie, that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned shall not extende to any inhabitaunte of the citie of London, for or concernyng any maner of tithe offeryng or other ecclesiasticall duetie growen and due to be paied or yeldẽ within the same citie, bicause there is on other order made for the paiment of tithes and other duties within the said citie.

¶ Prouided also that euery persone and persones, beyng partie or parties to any suche suite, shall and maie make and haue his and their lawful action demaund or prosecucion appeles prohibicions and al other their laufull defences and remedies in euery suche suite, according to the saied ecclesyasticall lawes, and lawes and statutes of this realme, in as ample and lyberall maner and fourme, as they or any of theym myght haue had, if this acte had neuer bene made: Any thyng in this acte aboue writen not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by auctorites aforesaid, that this

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acte for recouerynge of tythes, ne any thynge therin conteyned, shal take force or effecte, but onely vntyll suche tyme as the kynges hyghnes, and suche other .xxxii. persones, whiche his hyghnes shall name and appoynte for the makynge and establishynge of suche lawes, as his highnes shall affirme and ratifie to be called the ecclesiastical lawes, of his churche of Englande: And after the saied lawes so ratified and confirmed, as is aforesaied, that then the saied tythes, to be paied to euery ecclesiasticall persone, accordynge to suche lawes, and none other wise.

¶ An acte lymittynge an order for payment of tithes within the citie of London. Cap. xxi.

BE it enacted by the auctoritee of this presente parlyamente, that all and euery the citesens and inhabitauntes of the city of London, and suburbes within the lyberties of the same, shall at this present tyme of Ester nexte commyng paye vnto the curates of the saied citie and suburbes, al such & lyke sommes of money for tithes oblacions and other duties, as the said citesens and inhabitantes by the order of my lorde Chauncellour and other of the kynges moste honorable counsayll and the kynges proclamacion, paied or ought to haue paid by force and uertue of the saied order, at Ester that was in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXV. And the same paymentes so to continue frome tyme to tyme, vntyll such tyme as any other order or lawe shalbe made published ratified and confirmed by the kynges highnes and the .xxxii. prsones by his grace to be named, as well for the ful stablishment concernyng the payment of al tythes oblacions and other dueties of the inhabitantes within ỹ saied citie and suburbes within the liberties of the same, as for the makyng of other ecclesiastical lawes of this realme of England. And that euery persone diueng to pay as is aforesaied, shall by the commaundemente of the maire of London for the tyme beyng, be committed to prisone, there to remayne vntyll suche tyme as he or they haue agreed with the curate and curates for theyr saied tithes oblacions and other dueties, as is aforesaied.

¶ An acte concernyng decay of houses and inclosers. Cap xxii.

WHere as in the fourth yere of the reigne of the noble kyng of famous memorie Henry the. viii. father to the kynges hyghnes our soueraigne lord that nowe is, it was ordeined established & enacted amongest other thinges, that euery owner of any mese, which within thre yeres next before the same .iiii yere, was or after that time shuld be letten to ferme with .xx. acres of lond at the least, lieng in tillage & husbandry, shuld be boũd to kepe & sustein the housing & building of the same mese cõuenietly for the maintenãce of husbãdry & tillage: & if any owner of ỹ same shuld fortune to occupy any

any ſuche meſe or lande in his owne handes, he ſhulde be bounde to vphold and ſuſteine the ſame, as it is befoze reherſed: And if any perſō happened to doo the contrary, than it ſhulde be lefull vnto the kynge, or vnto the lozdes, of whom any ſuche meſe or landes is holden immediatly, to take yerely the one halfe of thiſſues and pzofites of all and euery ſuche tenement, without payenge any thyng foz the ſame, vntill ſuche tyme as the houſyng ſhuld be builded, or reedified agayn, and the lōdes therof conuerted into tillage: and that no perſon ſhuld haue clayme or chalenge any fre hold in the ſame land or tenementes by takyng of any ſuch pzofittes, but only that it ſhuld be lefull vnto the kyng and other lozdes to diſtraine foz the paiment of the moity of the yerely yſſues reuenues and pzofittes of the ſame, like as in the ſaid acte moze at length is conteyned. By reaſon of whiche ſaied ſtatute and ozdenance diuerſe and many meſes, whiche be holden immediatly of the kynges highnes, within late yeres haue ben buylded and reedified, and the londes there vnto belongyng conuerted ayen into their firſte nature of tyllage and huſbandzy, accozdyng to the tenour and purpozt of the ſaied good and gracious act. And all other ſuch meſes and londes as be holden immediate of any other lozdes, be and remayne vnto this pzeſent daie pzoſtrate vnbuil ded and the londes therof conuerted and employed onely into paſture, and to no other purpoſe, to the greatte decaye of all maner of victualles within this realme, and to the derogacion and hinderance of the common welth of the ſame many wayes. And foz as muche as in the ſaied acte was no other remedy pzouided foz and againſt al thoſe perſons that do or ſhuld hold any manours meſes lādes or tenementes of other lozdes, foz not repairing and reedifieng of the houſes, and conuertyng the ſaid londes into tyllage and huſbandzye, accozdyng to the trewe and vertuous meanyng of the ſame good act, but onely euery lozde immediate mought haue and diſtrayne foz the moitie of the pzofittes of all and euery ſuche meſe and landes decaied in fourme afozeſaid, as in the ſame acte among other thynges moze at length it is declared. And alſo foz that the lozdes immediat & thother meane lozdes haue not put the ſaid good acte in dewe and playne execucion, accozding to the tenour therof, as they ought and mought haue done, a great nombze of the houſes meſes tenementes and acres of lond, which at the making of the ſaid good act were in ruine and decay, and the londes therof conuerted fro tillage into paſture, do yet remaine vnbuilded vnreedified, and all the londes to them belonging hitherto be kepte and vſed into paſture, and not conuerted ayen into tyllage, accozdynge to the purpozt true menynge and intente of the ſaied acte. And ſo by this meanes diuers and ſundzye perſones whiche holde not theyr landes and tenementes immediate of the kynges highnes, haue and daily do from tyme to tyme decay and let fall downe no ſmall nombze of meſes and houſes of huſbandzie: And alſo do conuerte the londes of the ſame from tyllage and huſbandzie into paſture, to the moſt pe rillous example of al other being in like caſe, and to the greatteſt abuſe and diſozder of the naturall ſoile of the ground, that by any maner of inuencion

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coulde be practised or imagined. Be it therefore enacted ordeyned and established by the kynge our souerayngne lorde, and by the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that the kyng our souereigne lorde, his heires and successours, from and after the feast of saynct Michael tharcangel, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVIII. shall take and haue the moitie of all issues reuenues rentes & profites comyng & growyng of al & singuler meses londes & tenementes nowe and then remaining inclosed decayed or conuerted from tillage into pasture, contrary to thetenour and true meanyng of the saied acte, made in the saied fourth yere of kyng Henry the viii. and beyng at this present day so founde alredy by office and verdite of xii. men, or whiche hereafter at any tyme by lyke office and verdite shall be founde, of whome so euer they be holden, whiche haue ben decayed and conuerted from tillage into pasture sithe three yeres nexte before the forsaied fourth yere of the raygne of the saied noble kynge Henry the. viii. vntill suche tyme as the owner of the saied meses landes and tenementes shall haue builded and reedified agayne in and vppon conuenient places of the saied meses londes and tenementes for euery fifty acres, forty acres or thirty acres of lond, one sufficient tenement mete for an honest man to dwel in, and also vntyll suche tyme as the same owners haue conuerted, or caused al the saied landes soo misused to be conuerted frome pasture in to tyllage ayen, accordyng to the nature of the soile and course of husbandry vsed in the countrey where any suche landes do lye, and accordyng to the true entente and meanyng of the saied acte.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that if any owner of landes and tenementes, at any time after the last day of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. decay any house of husbandry, hauyng. xx. acres of errable land at the least ther vnto lyeng in tillage, or conuert the same land into pasture, contrary to the true intent & meaning of the said acte: than if the lorde, of whome any such house and landes by the holden immediatly, do not take the benifite of the said acte, concernyng takynge of the moitie of the profettes of the same house and landes so mysused, as is abouerehersed, within one yere nexte after the saied decay, or within one yere nexte after the conuerting of the saied land from tillage into pasture, the kynges highnes in default of the saied lordes immediat, shal and maie from and after any office founde therof haue and take the one moitie of all the issues reuenues and profittes, commyng and growing of the same house and landes so decayed or conuerted from tyllage into pasture, vntyll such tyme as the owner of the said house and landes so misused haue reedyfied the same house, and conuerted and put the same lãdes ayen into tillage accordyng to the nature of the soile and course of husbandry vsed in the countrey there, as is aboue rehersed.

¶ Prouided alwaie, that the kynges highnes shal not haue clayme or challenge any freholde, or tenure in or to any of the premisses by takyng of the

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moitie of any suche profites, nor that any lorde of whom any suche meses or londes be holden, shal lose ne forfait any their tenours seruice or other their ryght of and in the same, but only that his highnes his heires & successours shall haue ful power by vertue of this present act, after the findyng alwais of any office or offices from tyme to tyme, onely to distraine for payment of the moitie of the yerely issues reuenues and profites of al suche londes and tenementes, as be vnto the kynges highnes limitted and appointed by this act, accordyng to the true intent and meanyng of the same acte, vntyll suche tyme as the true intent and purpose of this presente act shall be dewely and truely put in execution in euery behalfe to al intentes, as is before declared.

¶ Prouided also that this act nor any thing therin cōteined, be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtefull to any infant within thage of .xxi. yeres, nor to any pson or persons beyng out of the kynges realme for any issues and profites to be leuied perceiued or taken by vertu of this present acte, as long as they shal be within age, or out of this realme, nor shall extende to any marche or fenne groundes, nor to any manours landes or tenementes, beyng enclosed at this present day, within any forest parke or chase, wherein be dere belongyng vnto the kynges hyghnes, or to any temporal lorde, knight, or squier of this realme of England or wales, so that they haue licēce opteined at this present daye of the kinges saied highnes or of any his noble progenitours to imparke the same, & also haue compowned with the owners therof, that the same owners be satisfied for the same: any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwais that this present act extēd not nor be in any wise hurtful or preiudicial vnto any owners of any londes or tenementes in any coūties of this realme of England, but only vnto all & euery the coūties hereafter specified, that is to say, the counties of Lincolne, Notyngham, Lecitur, Warwyke, Rutlande, Northamton, Bedforde, Bukyngham, Oxforde Berks. the yle of Wyght, Worcetur, Herf. and Cambrige.

¶ An acte for the preseruation of hauens and portes in the counties of Deuoñ and Cornwall Cap. xxiii.

VWhere by a statute made in this present parliament for & concernyng the amendyng and mayntenaunce of the hauens and portes of Plimmouth, Dartmouth, Teinmouth, Falmouth, & Fowey, in the countie of Deuonshire and Cornwall amonge other thynges it was ordeyned & enacted, that no persone or persones frō and after the feast of saint Michael tharchangel, which was in the .xxiiii. yere of the reigne of the kinges highnes that now is, shuld labour or work, or cause to be laboured or wrought in any maner of tin workes called strem workes, within the said counties of Deuoñ or Cornwal, nygh to any of the freshe waters riuers or lowe places, discendyng or hauyng course vnto the said hauens or portes, or any of them, nor shuld labour dygge or washe any

tinne in any of the saied tin wo:kes, called streme wo:kes, oneles the saied dygger, owner, o: washer shuld make o: cause to be made sufficient hatches and tyes in thend of their buddles and co:des, and therin put & lay, o: cause to be put and layde al the said stones grauel and robel digged about thenserching finding and washing of the said tynne, there to be holly and surely kepte by the saied hatches & ties out and from the saied freshe riuers o: water courses o: any of them, so that the saied stones grauell and robel ne any parte therof, be fo: lack of such hatches o: ties conueied into the said po:tes and hauens, o: any of them, vpon peyne to fo:faite fo: euery tyme that any owner o: digger shuld digge o: washe o: cause to be digged o: washed any tynne, contrary to the fourme afo:esaied. ꝛ. li. Thone halfe therof to be to the vse of our soueraygne lo:d the kyng, and the other halfe therof to be to any of the inhabytauntes of the said po:te townes o: hauens, that wold sue fo: the same in any of the kynges courtes by originall writte, bylle, playnte, info:macion, o: other wise, wherin the defendant shulde not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any p:otection o: essoyne shoulde be allowable, as in the saied acte among other thynges mo:e playnely is exp:essed and declared.

And by cause sythe the makyng of the saied statute, thenhabitantes of the saied po:te townes o: hauens, hauyng lytel regarde respect loue o: affection, to the amendyng and maintenance of the same townes and hauens, no: to their posterite, as they ben naturally bounden and obligyed, haue permitted and suffred the saied owners and diggers to perseuer & continue in digging serching & washing of tyn, nygh the said freshe waters ryuers o: lowe places, not makyng sufficient hatches & tyes, as by the said statute is p:oui ded & o:deyned without any maner of suite comensed o: pursued by the said inhabitãtes, acco:ding to the tenour of the said acte, to the great animacion and encouragyng of thoffendours, and to thutter vndoing and destruction of the said po:t, townes, and hauens. The kynges maiestee myndyng and entendyng the suppo:tacion and mayntenance of his saied townes and hauens, and the animaduercion & co:rection of the said offendours, hath by the assent of the lo:des spiritual & tempo:al, & the cõmons in this p:esent parliament assembled, and by thaucto:itie of the same, o:deined, enacted, & stablisshed, that no pson o: psons hereafter shal labour o: wo:ke, o: cause to be labo:ed o: w:ought in any maner of tyn wo:kes, called streme wo:kes within the said counties of Deuõshire o: Co:newal, nygh to any of the saied freshe waters ryuers o: lowe places, dissendyng o: hauyng cource vnto the saied hauens o: po:tes, o: any of them, no: shall labour, dygge o: washe any tyn in any of the said tyn wo:kes, called streme wo:kes, onles the saied dygger, owner, o: washer shall make, o: cause to be made sufficient hatches and ties in thende of their puddelles and co:des, and therin putte and laye, o: cause to be put and layde all the said stones, grauell, and robbell, dygged aboute thenserchyng, fyndyng, and washyng of the saied tynne, there to be hollye and surely kepte by the saied hatches and tyes, out and from the said freshe riuers o: water courses, o: any of them: so that ꝑ said sand, stones, grauel, & robell,

robell, ne any parte therof, be for lacke of suche hatches or tyes conueyed in to the said portes & hauens, or any of them, vpon peine to forfaite for euery time, that any owner, tinner, digger, or labourer shal digge or washe or cause to be digged or washed, any tynne contrary to the fourme aforesaied .xx.li. Thone halfe therof to be to thuse of his hyghnes, and thother halfe thereof to be to any of his graces subiectes, that will sue for the same in any of his gracis courtes by original writ bil plaint informacion or other wise, wherin the defendant shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection or essoyne shalbe allowable.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that if any persone or persones shall happen to be sued, accused, indited, imprisoned, amersed, condempned, or otherwise vexed or troubled in his persone, landes, tynne workes, goodes, or cattalles by any of the mynisters or officers of any the kynges courtes of stannery, or by any other persone or persones for pursuyng or attemptyng any suite or action accordynge to this estatute ayenste suche person or persons as shall offende contrary to the fourme aforesaied, that then al suche suites accusementes inditementes imprisonmentes actions condemnations fynes amerciamentes, and euerie other acte or actes, to be doone in any of the saied courtes of stannerie, or elles where, by any persone or persones ayenst any person or persones for suyng or attemptyng, any suites or actions by vertue of this statute, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte in the lawe: And that the parte sued indited accused imprysoned, or other wise greued or molested for pursuing ayenst any person or persones offendyng this statute, shal haue his action and remedie grounded vpon this statute by original writte, byl, plaint, informacion, or otherwise in any of the kynges courtes, ayenst suche as shall procure, or attempte, to vexe, trouble, or otherwise molest any suche persone or persons for suyng or pursewing of the forfaitours aforesaid, and shal recouer treble damages in that behalfe, and the partie defendaunte shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection, essoune, nor priuilege shalbe to him allowable.

¶ And if it shall happen any persone or persones, for pursuyng any suite or action vpon this statute, or by occasion of the same hereafter to be imprysoned by any maner of person or persons beyng officers or ministers of the courte of stānery, their deputies or substitutes: that then euery of the iusticiers of peace within any of the counties afore saied, wherin the saied prisoner shal happen to be committed to prison, vpon credible informacion therof, takyng suretie by his discrecion for apparance of suche prysoner at the nexte generall sessions of peace, shall haue power and auctoritee as well to directe his warraunte to the gaoler or keper of the prison, as to any other person or persons, to whom the said prisoner shall be committed vnto, commaundyng hym or them vpon peyne of forfaiture of .xl. li. do deliuer and put at large the saied prisoner or prisoners, whiche if he refuse so to do, then euery suche offendour shall lose and forfayte the said .xl. li. Thone halfe of whiche forfaiture to be to the vse of our souereaine lord the kyng, & the other

halfe to him that is greued by reason of suche imprisonmente, to be recouered in maner and forme aforesaied: And the defendant in any action or suite for the same shal not wage his law, ne haue any essoin or protection alowed And if it shal appere vpon thapperance of such prisoner at the quarter sessions by exampynacion of the Justyciars of peace there beyng, that he was imprisoned contrary to the fourme of this statute: that than he shal be forthwith dismissed and thereby discharged. And if he were laufully imprisoned for any other iuste cause, than to be remaunded to prison by the discretion of the said Justiciars.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned be not in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtefull to any of the officers of the stannerie, ne to any of their laufull lyberties, priuileges, vsages, lawes, or customes, sauyng onely in the cases and prouisions contened and limitted within this present act, whiche shall alway be put in execucion, accordyng to the tenour of this acte: any vsage custome priuilege ordinaunce or libertie to the contrarie therof not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for recontinuyng of certain liberties and fraunchises here tofore taken frome the crowne. Cap. xxv.

Where dyuers of the moste auncient prerogatiues and auctorities of Justice, apperteinynge to the imperiall crowne of this realme, haue bene seuered and taken frome the same by sondry gyftes of the kynges moste noble progenitours kynges of this realme, to the great diminucion & detriment of the royall estate of the same, and to the hyndrance and great delaye of Justice. For reformacion wherof be it enacted by auctorite of this present parlyamente, that no persone or persones, of what estate or degre so euer they be of, from the first day of July, whiche shal be in the yere of our lord god. M.D.XXXVI, shal haue any power or auctorite to pardon or remytte any treasons, murders, manslaughters, or any kyndes of felonies, what so euer they be: nor any accessaries to any treasons, murders, mãslaughters, or felonies, or any vtlauries for any suche offences aforesaid, committed, perpetrated, done, or diuulged, or hereafter to be committed, done, or diuulged by or agaynst any person or persones in any parties of this realme, Wales, or the marches of the same, but that the kynges hyghnes, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, shall haue the hole and sole power and auctorite therof vnited & knyt to the imperyall crowne of this realme, as of good ryght and equitie it apperteyneth, any grauntes, vsages, prescripcion, act or actes of parliament, or any other thyng to the contrarye hereof not withstandyng.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition so euer they be from the said first day of July, shall haue any power or auctorite to make any Justices of Eire, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole delyuerie: but that all

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such officers and ministers shal be made by letters patentes vnder the kynges great seale, in the name and by auctorite of the kynges hyghnes, and his heires kynges of this realme in al shires, counties, counties palantine, and other places of this realme, wales, and marches of the same, or in any other his dominions, at their pleasure and wylles, in such maner and forme as Justices of Eire, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, and Justices of gaole deliuerie be commonly made in euery shire of this realme, any grantes vsages, prescripcions, allowances, acte or actes of parlyamente, or any other thyng or thynges to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite of this present parliamente, that all originall writtes, and iudiciall writtes, and all maner of enditementes of treason, felonie, and trespas, and all maner of proces to be made vppon the same in euery countie palantine and other lybertie within this realme of Englande, wales, and marches of the same, shall from the said first day of July, be made onely in the name of our said souereigne lorde the kynge, and his heires kynges of Englande. And that euery person or persons, hauyng suche countie palantine, or any other suche lybertie to make suche originals, iudicialles, or other processe of Justice, shall make the Teste in the said original writtes and iudicial in the name of ỹ same person or persons, that haue suche countie palantine or lybertee. And that in euery writte and inditement, that shall be made within any suche countie palantine or libertie, after the said first date of July nexte commyng, wherby it shalbe supposed any thyng to be done againste the kynges peace, shall be made and supposed to be done onely agaynste the kinges peace, his heires and successours and not agaynst the peace, of any other perso or persons, what so euer they be, any acte of parlyamente, graunte, customes, vsage, or allowance in Eire before this time had, graũted, or vsed to the contrary not withstãding.

¶ Prouided alway, that Justices of assises, Justices of gaole delyuerie, & Justices of peace to be made and assigned by the kynges hyghnes within the countie palantie of Lancaster, shall be made and ordeyned by commyssion vnder the kynges vsuall seale of Lancaster, in maner and fourme as hath benne accustomed, any thyng in this acte to the contrarye thereof not withstandyng.

Prouided also, that all cities, boroughes, and townes corporate within this realme, whiche haue lybertie, power, and auctorite to haue Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole delyuerie, shall stylll haue and enioye their lyberties and auctorities in that behalfe, after suche lyke maner as they haue ben accustomed, without any alteracion by occusion of this acte, any thyng in this acte, or in any article therein conteyned to the contrarye thereof not withstandyng.

¶ And it is ordeined by auctorite aforesaid, that all stewardes, bailyffes, and other ministers of any lyberties or fraunchesles, whiche in tyme passed haue vsed or ought to attende vpon the Justices of assise, Justices of gaole delyuerie, and Justices of the peace at large in any countie, shalbe attendãd

to the Justices of assise, Justices of gaole delyuery, and Justices of peace of the same shires, wherin suche liberties and franchises be, and make dewe execucion of al proces to them to be directed, for ministracio of iustice within suche lyberties or fraunchises. And that also all such bailiffes, or their deputies or deputie, shal geue their attendance and assistance vpon the shereffe to gether with the sheriffes bailiffes at all courtes of gaole deliuerie from tyme to tyme for execucion of prisoners according vnto iustice.

¶ Prouided alwaie, that the article nexte aboue reherced, shall not in anywise be preiudicial to any stewardes or bailiues of any cities, boroughes, or townes corporate set in any shire of this realme, whiche haue priuilege that they shuld not be compelled to atted or appere out of such cities, boroughes or townes, wherin they inhabite, but that euery suche citie, borough, and towne corporate, shal vse theyr said priuileges and liberties, as heretofore hath ben accustomed: anything in any of the article aboue reherced to the contrarie therof notwithstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctorite afforesaid, that the kyng our souereyn lorde, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, from the said first day of July next commyng, shal haue all maner fynes, issues, amerciamentes and forfaitures, that shalbe lost, forfaite, or assessed, by or vpon any stewardes, bailifes, or any other ministers, or officers of any franches or liberties for none execution, or misexecution or insufficient retournes of such writtes, waraūtes, preceptes, or other proces, which to them or any of them or to any their deputie or deputies shall be directed, or for any contempte or other misdemeanour what so euer it be, concernyng their offices in and for the dewe execucion or administracion of iustice, any graunte or allowance, or other thing to the contrary hereof not withstanding. And that the amercimētes for insufficit returnes of writtes or other proscesse made by stewardes or bayliues of lyberties or franchises, hauyng retournes of writtes and execucion of the same, shalbe put and set vpon the hedes of suche stewardes or bayliffes and not vpon the sheriffes.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by auctorite afforesaid, that purueyours assygned by the kynges commission for prouisions of his grace, the quene, & their children, shal and maie prouide all vitayles, corne, and other kyndes of thinges, what so euer it be, according to their cōmissions, as well within liberties and fraunchises as without: anye graunte, allowances, or other thyng to the contrary or let therof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that suche purueyours shall obserue the statutes for them prouided in euery behalfe.

¶ And ouer this it is ordeyned by auctorite afforesaied, that in al suche places, where so euer the kynges hyghnes in his owne mooste royall persone shall come, to rest, tary abyde, or make his repose within this realme or any his dominions, within lybertie or without, there and within the verge lymited and accustomed to his graces courte, durynge the time of his abode: his grace, his Stewarde, Marshalle, Coroner, and all other his ministers,

nisters, shall & maie kepe their courtes for iustice, & exercise theyr offices as shall apperteyne to them, accordyng to ẏ lawes, customes & statutes of this realme, as well within liberties as without, And ẏ his gracis clerkes of the market, and none other, durying the same tyme, as well within lybertie as without, shal exercise the office of clerke of the market: any priuilege, graūt, allowaunce or other, thyng to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alway, that this article nexte afore rehersed, or any thyng ther in conteyned, be not in any wise preiudiciall to the citie of London, but that the same citie shall haue and vse suche liberties as they moughte, if this article had neuer be made.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritee aforesaid that all and euery statute, acte and actes, heretofore made, and beyng in force, agaynst sheriffes, their vndersheriffes, bailiffes, or other ministers for makynge or retournyng of panelles or Juries, for due execucion and seruyng of any writtes or other proceſſe, or for takyng of fees, or for reformacion of extorcions, or for any other thyng or thynges concernyng their offices, and all peines and penalties conteyned in euery suche statute, shall from henseforthe be extended to all stewardes bayliffes and other ministers and officers of liberties & fraūcheſes, hauyng retournes of writtes and executions therof, in lyke maner fourme and condicion, as they extende to shireffes their vnder shireffes bailiffes or other ministers, and as if the saied stewardes bailiffes or other ministers or officers of liberties and fraunchеſes, had bene specially and particularly named and rehersed in suche statutes.

¶ Prouided alway, that this article next aboue rehersed shal not be preiudiciall to any stewarde, bailiffes of fraunchеſes, or to their deputie or deputies, or theyr clerkes, for exercisynge and occupienge their office ouer and aboue one yere: but that they and euery of them may kepe and occupie their saied offices for so longe tyme as they be or hereafter shal be peuen to them, as if this article nexte afore rehersed had neuer bene made, any of the saied actes to be expounded and taken against them or any of them to the contrarie therof not withstandyng.

¶ AND it is enacted by auctoritee aforesaied, that all suche iustices to be made, as is afore rehersed in this acte, shall haue auctoritie & power to kepe and holde their seſſions of peace, and to delyuer the same gaoles from tyme to tyme onely within the same liberties and fraunchеſes, and in suche places, and in none other place, by reason or auctoritie of that commission: and to do and execute all other thynges within the same, in as ample and large maner, as any other iustices of peace and gaole deliuerie, in any shire within this realme maie do and haue auctoritee to do: any acte graunte vse custome and allowance heretofore had made or vsed, or any article in this present acte made to the contrarie not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that al and synguler Justices of the peace, gaole deliuerie, and assise, hereafter to be made named and appointed by the kinges highnes, his heires and succeſſours, within any libertie, where any suche

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Justice of peace, gaole delyuerie, or assise, or any of them haue ben made by any person or persones, by vertue or auctoritee of any letters patentes, of the gyfte or graunte of our soueraygne lorde the kynge, or his moste noble progenitours kynges of this realme, or otherwise shall sytte and kepe their sessions gaole delyuerie and assises, onely in suche place and places, as the Justices of the said liberties lately haue ben cōmonly vsed within the saied lyberties. And that no person or persones, within the saied lyberties or any of them, shall be hereafter in no wise compelled by auctoritee of this acte: to appere out of the said liberties before any other Justices of assise, gaole deliuere, or of the peace: than before suche iustices as shall be named and assigned to syt and be by the kynges hyghnes his heires & successours, within the said lyberties in forme abouesaid. And that this act shal not extende or be expounded or taken to any other libertie priuilege or franches, graunted vsed or had to any person or persons, other than before in this present act is expressed and playnely declared and rehersed: any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng, and as if this acte had neuer bene made.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, be in any wyse hurtful or preiudicial vnto sir Thomas Englefeld knight, iustice of the countie palantine of Chester and Flint, nor to his deputie or deputes nor to any of them, of for or concernyng the office of iustice or iusticer of the said countie palantine and Flynt: nor for or concernyng any fees profittes or aduantages to the same office in any maner wise apperteinyng or belongyng: but that the saied syr Thomas, his deputie and deputies and euery of them, maie laufully haue occupie and exercise the said office, and also receyue and take to theyr owne vse, all maner profittes commodities and aduauntages to the said office belongyng or apperteynyng, accordyng to the tenour purport and effecte of such letters pattentes, as before this time were vnto the same sir thomas made vnder the seale of the saied countie, palantine, or vnder any other seale, by our saied soueraygne lorde the kyng that nowe is, of for or concernyng the saied office, and other the premisses, or any parcell therof, in as ample and large maner, as though this act had neuer ben had ne made: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned, be in any wyse preiudicial or hurteful to any citie borough or towne corporate, by what name or names so euer they or any of them be incorporate, and theyr successoures, and the successours of euery of them, of or for any maner of lyberties priuileges customes and ancient vsages & francheses: And also of al maner of fines issues and amerciamentes and forfaitures, which they or any of them haue of the graunt or grauntes of our said soueraigne lord the king, or of any of his noble progenitours kinges of this realme of Englād, but that the said cities boroughes and townes corporate and euery of them and their successours, maye haue take leuie and enioye all and euery suche laufull lyberties priuileges franches customes & vsages in as ample and

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large maner, and in like forme and condicion as they & euerie of them haue lawfully taken vsed and had the same before the makynge of this acte: any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng, and as if this acte had neuer be had ne made.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that Thomas now bishop of Ely and his successours bisshoppes of Ely, and theyr temporalle stewarde of the yle of Ely for the tyme beyng, and euery of them, shall from henceforthe be iustices of peace within the said yle, and shal vse and exercise al maner of thinges within the same yle, that apperteyneth or belongeth to any Justices of peace within any countie of this realme of England, to do, exercise, and vse, by vertu and auctorizitie that they be iustices of peace, in as ample and large maner as any other iustices of peace, in any county withi this realm haue or myght do, exercise, or vse any thyng or thynges in this acte conteyned to the contrarie not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that Cuthbert nowe bisshop of Durham, and his successours bysshops of Durham, and there temporall chancellour of the county palantine of Durham for the time being, and euery of them, shal from henceforth be iustices of peace within the said county palantine of Durham, and shall exercise & vse all maner thinges with in the same countie palantine, that apperteyneth or belongeth to any, Justice of peace within any countie of this realme of Englande, to do, exercise, & vse, by vertue and auctoritee that they be iustices of peace in as ample and large maner as any other iustices of peace in any countie within this realme haue or myght do exercise or vse: any thyng or thynges in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alway & be it enacted, that Edward now archbishop of Yorke and his successours archebishops of Yorke, and their temporal chancellour of the shire & libertie of Hexam, other wise called Hertoldesham, for the time being and euery of them, shal from henceforth be iustices of peace within the said shire and libertie of Hexham, other wise called Hertoldesham: and shal exercise and vse al maner thynges within the said shire and libertie, that apperteyneth or belongeth to any Justice of peace within any countee of this realme of Englande, to do exercise and vse, by vertue & auctoritie that they be Justices of peace, in as large and ample maner as any other Justice of peace in any countie within this realme haue or myghte do exercise or vse: any thing or thynges in this act cõteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ An acte for punyshment of vacabounders and beggers. Cap. xxvi.

WHERE IN AN ACTE made at Westminster in the .xxii. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lorde kynge HENRIE the. VIII. among other thinges it was ordeyned, estadlyshed, and enacted, that euery stronge and valiante begger and vaca

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bounde, after he were whypped for his vacabuncie and ydelnes, shulde departe from the place where he was whypped, directely vnto such towne hundred and countie, where he was borne, or where he had dwelled by the space of thre yeres nexte before, there to continue and abyde. And also that aged poore and impotente people shulde in lykewyse repaire into euery hundred within the saied counties, there to remayne and continue, accordyng to the meanyng and purporte of the saied acte, vpon paines limitted in the same, as in the same acte more playnly appereth.

¶ And for as muche as it was not prouided in the saied acte, howe and in what wise the saied poore people and sturdy vacabounds shulde be ordred at theyr repayre, and at theyr commyng into theyr countreys, nor howe the inhabitauntes of euery hundred shulde be charged for the relife of the same poore people, nor yet for the settyng & keppyng in worke and laboure of the aforesaied valiant vacabounds at theyr said repayre into euery hundred of this realme: It is therfore nowe ordeyned, estabyshed, and enacted, by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that all and euerye the Mayres, Aldermenne, shirifes, bailyffes, constables, householders, and all other heed officers and ministers of euery citie, shire, townes, and parisshes of this realme, at the repayre and commynge thither of such poore creature or sturdy vacabounde, as is conteyned in the saied acte, shall mooste charitably receyue the same, and order the same in maner and forme folowyng: That is to saie that all the gouernours and ministers of euery of the same cities shires townes hundredes wapentakes lathes rapes ridynges tithynges hamlettes and parisshes, as well within liberties as without, shall not onely succour finde and kepe al and euery of the same poore people, by way of voluntary and charitable almes, within euerie of the same cities, shyres townes, hundredes, wapentakes, lathes, rapes, tithinges, hamlettes, and parisshees as wel within liberties as without, to be succoured, relyued, and holden with suche and conuenient necessarie almes, as shall be thought mete by theyr discretions, in suche wise as none of them of very necessitie shal be compelled to wander ydelly, and goo openly in beggyng. to aske almes in any of the same cities shyres townes & parisshes: but also to cause and to compell all and euery the saied sturdy vacabounds and valiant beggers to set be and kepte to continuall laboure, in suche wise as by theyr saied labours they and euerye of them maie gette theyr owne liuinges, with the continual labour of theyr owne handes. And euery maire aldermanne shirefe bailiffe counstable and all other heed officers and ministers of euery countie citie towne and parisshe within this realme, or within any the kinges dominions, as wel within liberties as without, and all other persones inhabytauntes within any of the same, shall endeuour theym selfes to order and directe the poore people, valyaunt beggers, and sturdy vacabounds, in suche wise as the effecte of this present acte shall be duelye obserued, and put in dewe execucion, vppon peyne

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that euery parisshe shall lose and forfaite.xx.s.for euery moneth, in whiche it is omitted and vndone: And that to be inquired of at euery quarter sessions, and to be duely presented and founde by the verdicte of.xii.men.

Item it is further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that all and euerie person or persons, beyng whipped or sente vnto their countreys, in fourme aforesaid, at the ende of euery tenne myles shall repaire vnto the constable of any parishe, beyng directly in his waie towardes the countie and place, whervnto he is soo appoynted: and vpon sighte of his letters, gyuen vnto him at the tyme of his whipppynge and sendynge of him into the same his countrey, euery of the said constables and others the kinges subiectes, shal and maie furnishe him with competent meate, drynke, and lodgyng for one nyght onely, or for one meale, and so he shall continue his daily iourney of tenne myles, vntyll suche tyme as he shall come vnto the hundred and place whervnto he is assigned to go.

Item it is enacted, by thauctoritee aforesaid, that all and euery vdel person and persons ruffelers, callyng them selues sarupng men, as well within the citie of London, as within all other cities, shires, townes, parishes, and hamlettes of this realme, hauyng no maisters, shall be entreated, vsed and ordred in euery behalfe, and to al intentes, as is conteyned and specified, as wel in the aforesaid former acte, as in this presente acte, vppon the peyne aforesaied, to be loste and forfayted by the Mayre, Aldermen, Shyrefes, baylyffes, burgesses, ministers, and inhabytauntes of euerye of the same cities boroughes and townes corporate, where any suche ruffeler shall be suffred to be resiaunt and abidyng by the space of two daies, and not punyshed in fourme here after declared.

Item it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that al and euery the mayres, gouernours and heed officers of euery citie borough and towne corporate, and the churche wardens, or two others of euery parisshe of this realme, shal in good and charitable wise take suche discrete and conuenient order by gatherynge and procurynge of such charitable and voluntarie almes of the good christen people within the same with boxes euerye sonday, holy day, and other festiual day, or otherwise among them selfes in suche good and discrete wise, as the poore, impotente, lame, feble, sycke, and diseased people, beyng not able to worke, maie be prouided, holpen and relieued: so that in no wise they nor none of them be suffered to goo openly in beggyng. And that suche as be lusty, or hauyng their limmes, stronge ynough to laboure, maie be daily kepte in continuall labour, wherby euerye one of them maie gette their owne sustenaunce and liuyng with their owne handes, vpon peyne that all and euery the maires, gouernours, aldermen, heed officers and others the kynges officers and ministers of euery of the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, hundredes, parisshes, and hamlettes, shall leese and forfayte for euery moneth that it is omitted and vndone the summe of.xx.s.

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¶ And for as muche as it was not prouided in the saied acte, howe and in what wise the saied poore people and sturdy vacabounde shulde be ordred at they repayre, and at they commyng into they countreys, nor howe the inhabitauntes of euery hundred shulde be charged for the relife of the same poore people, nor yet for the settyng & keppyng in worke and laboure of the aforesaied valiant vacabounde at they said repayre into euery hundred of this realme: It is therfore nowe ordeyned, establyshed, and enacted, by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that all and euerye the Mayres, Aldermenne, shirifes, bailyffes, constables, householders, and all other heed officers and ministers of euery citie, shire, townes, and parisshes of this realme, at the repayre and commynge thither of such poore creature or sturdy vacabounde, as is conteyned in the saied acte, shall moofte charitably receyue the same, and order the same in maner and forme folowyng: That is to saie that all the gouernours and ministers of euery of the same cities shires townes hundredes wapentakes lathes rapes ridynges tithynges hamlettes and parisshes, as well within liberties as without, shall not onely succour finde and kepe al and euery of the same poore people, by way of voluntary and charitable almes, within euerie of the same cities, shyres townes, hundredes, wapentakes, lathes, rapes, tithinges, hamlettes, and parisshees as wel within liberties as without, to be succoured, relyued, and holden with suche and conuenient necessarie almes, as shall be thought mete by they discretions, in suche wise as none of them of very necessitie shal be compelled to wander ydelly, and goo openly in beggyng. to aske almes in any of the same cities shyres townes & parisshes: but also to cause and to compell all and euery the saied sturdy vacabounde and valiant beggers to set be and kepte to continuall laboure, in suche wise as by they saied labours they and euerye of them maie gette they owne liuinges, with the continual labour of they owne handes. And euery maire aldermanne shireffe bailiffe counstable and all other heed officers and ministers of euery countie citie towne and parisshe within this realme, or within any the kinges dominions, as wel within liberties as without, and all other persones inhabytauntes within any of the same, shall endeuour theym selfes to order and directe the poore people, valyaunt beggers, and sturdy vacabounde, in suche wise as the effecte of this present acte shall be duelye obserued, and put in dewe execucion, vppon peyne

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that euery parisshe shall lose and forfaite.xx.s.for euery moneth, in whiche it is omitted and vndone: And that to be inquired of at euery quarter sessions, and to be duely presented and founde by the verdicte of.xii.men.

Item it is further enacted by thauctorite aforesaied, that all and euerie person or persons, beyng whipped or sente vnto their countreys, in fourme aforesaid, at the ende of euery tenne myles shall repaire vnto the constable of any parisshe, beyng directly in his waie towardes the countie and place, whervnto he is soo appoynted: and vpon sighte of his letters, gyuen vnto him at the tyme of his whipppnge and sendynge of him into the same his countrey, euery of the said constables and others the kinges subiectes, shal and maie furnisshe him with competent meate, drynke, and lodgyng for one nyght onely, or for one meale, and so he shall continue his daily iourney of tenne myles, vntyll suche tyme as he shall come vnto the hundred and place whervnto he is assigned to go.

Item it is enacted, by thauctorite aforesaid, that all and euery vdel person and persons ruffelers, callyng them selues sarupng men, as well within the citie of London, as within all other cities, shires, townes, parisshes, and hamlettes of this realme, hauyng no maisters, shall be entreated, vsed and ordred in euery behalfe, and to al intentes, as is conteyned and specified, as wel in the aforesaid former acte, as in this presente acte, vppon the peyne aforesaied, to be loste and forfayted by the Mayre, Aldermen, Shyrefes, baylyffes, burgesses, ministers, and inhabytauntes of euerye of the same cities boroughes and townes corporate, where any suche ruffeler shall be suffred to be resiaunt and abidyng by the space of two daies, and not punyshed in fourme here after declared.

Item it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctorite aforesaied, that al and euery the mayres, gouernours and heed officers of euery citie borough and towne corporate, and the churche wardens, or two others of euery parisshe of this realme, shal in good and charitable wise take suche discrete and conuenient order by gatheryng and procuryng of such charitable and voluntarie almes of the good christen people within the same with boxes euerye sondap, holy day, and other festiual day, or otherwise among them selfes in suche good and discrete wise, as the poore, impotente, lame, feble, syeke, and diseased people, beyng not able to worke, maie be prouided, holpen and relieued: so that in no wise they nor none of them be suffered to goo openly in beggyng. And that suche as be lusty, or hauyng their limmes, stronge ynough to laboure, maie be daily kepte in continuall labour, wherby euerye one of them maie gette their owne sustenaunce and liuyng with their owne handes, vpon peyne that all and euery the maires, gouernours, aldermen, heed officers and others the kynges officers and ministers of euery of the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, hundredes, parisshes, and hamlettes, shall leese and forfayte for euery monethe that it is omitted and vndone the summe of.xx.s.

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Item it is enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all leprouse and pore bedded creatures, what so euer they be, may at their owne lybertie remain and continue in suche place where they be, and shall not be, compelled to repayre in to theyr countries, accordyng to the tenour and purport of thafore said former acte: any thyng conteyned in the same acte, or in this presente acte to the contrarie not withstandyng.

Item it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that the saied gouernours, aldermen, iustices of the peace, and heed officers, bailiffes and constables of euery citie, borough, towne, hundreth, and parishe of this realme, shal haue auctoritee by vertue of this present acte, to take vp all and singuler children in euery parishe within theyr limittes, that be not greued with any notable disease or sikenes, and beyng vnder the age of fourtene yeres, and aboue the age of fiue yeres in begging or idelnes, and to appoint them to maisters of husbandrie or other craftes or laboures to be taughte, by the whiche they maie gette theyr liuynges whan they shall come to age, gyuyng to them of the saied charitable collections, as it may conuenyently be susteyned and borne, arayment to entre into suche seruice. And if any aboue the age of twelue yeres, and vnder the age of syxtene yeres refuse suche seruise, or departe from the same without cause reasonable, than they to be arrested and apprehended by any of the said officers, and to be brought before the maire, aldermen, Justices of the peace, bailyffes, gouernours, constables, or other officers and ministers of that limitte, or circuite, where they be taken: And if it shall appere by his or theyr confession, or other sufficiente testimony before the same officers and ministers, that he or they haue refused to serue, or haue departed from theyr seruice without cause reasonable, he shall than in the parisshe, where he was apprehended, be openly whipped with roddes by the discrecion of the saied gouernours or baylyffes, and ther vpon to be sent agayne vnto his seruice: and so to be serued, as often as he shall be apprehended and conuicted in fourme aforesaied. And if any persone or persones refuse to execute and to dooe the saied punishemente, at the commaundemente of any of the saied gouernours, aldermenne, iustices of peace, and others the saied officers and ministers: themne he or they soo refusyng the same, shal be sette in the stockes by the space of two dayes, without hauyng of any other sustenaunce, sauyng onely breade and water.

Item it is also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all and euerie the aforesaied mayres gouernours, aldermenne, and euerie the iustices of the peace, as well within lyberties as without, shall ones in euerye monethe, or oftener, if nede shall requiere, commaunde a priuie or secrate serche to be made within euery citie and warde, towne, hundred, parishe, and hamlette of this realme, in suche tyme of the nyghte and daye, as they shall thynke conuenient, to the intente that all ruffelars, sturdye vacabounides, and balyaunte beggers, and other suspecte persones, maye be by suche meanes apprehended, taken, and ordered accordyng to the purporte and meanynge of this presente acte, and other wyse to be vsed accordynge to the

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lawes of this realme. And that all and euery persone and persones obeye, ayde, assist, and mainteyne from tyme to tyme, all and euery the commaundementes of the saied iustices of peace and others heed officers aforesaied, for and concernyng the makyng of all the saied serches, and the apprehendyng of all and euery the suspect persons aforesaid, vpon peyn to make fine for not doyng of the same, at the nexte quarter sessions, as it shalbe thought by the discrecion of the maires gouernours aldermen and iustices of peace.

¶Item it is enacted by thauctorite aforesaied, that no person nor persons at any time after the feast of saint Johñ Baptist next cómyng, shal vse kepe and maintayne any open playeng house or place for cómon bowling, dising, cardyng, closhe, tenys, or other vnlaufull games, takynge money for the same or other gayne, in any place of this realme, vpon peyne to forfaite fiue markes for euery moneth that any suche vnlauful howses or games shal so be openly kepte vsed and mayntayned in any place within this realme, be it within liberties or without: Any graunte heretofore made to any person or persons in any wise not withstandyng.

¶Item it is enacted by thauctorite aforesaid, that euery preacher person vicare curate of this realme as well in al and euery their sermons, collations, byddynges of the beades, as in tyme of all confessions, and at the makyng of the wylles or testamentes of any persons at all times of the yere, shall exhorte, moue, stirre, and prouoke people to be liberal and bountifully to extend their good and charitable almes and contributions fromte tyme to tyme, for and toward the comfort and relieke of the said pore, impotent, decrepite, indigent, and nedy people, as for the setting and keping to continual worke and labour of the foresaid ruffelers, sturdy vacabounded, and valiant beggers, in euery citie, warde, towne, hundrede, and parishe of this realme, as well within lyberties as without.

¶Item it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that if any of the aforesaied ruffelers, sturdy vacabounded, and valyaunte beggers, after suche time as they haue ben ones apprehended, taken, whypped, and sente vnto any citie, warde, towne, hundred, or parishe, by any iustice of peace, maire, constable, baylyffe, or any other the kynges officers and ministers, happen to wander, loyter, or idelly to vse them selfes and playe the vacabondes, and willingly absente them selfes from suche labour and occupacion, as he or they shal be appoynted vnto within any citie, warde, towne, hamlet, hundred, or parishe wherevnto he or they haue ben appoynted in maner & forme aforesaied: that then he or thei being eftsones apprehended & taken of suspecious or idelnes in any priuey serches aforesaied or otherwise, shall be brought before the next iustice of peace: and vpon due examinacions & proofe of the continuance of his said loytryng, wandryng in idelnes, or vacabancy, shall be eftsones not onely whipped agayne, and sent into the citie, warde, towne, hundred, or parisshe, wherevnto he was fyrste appoynted, but also shall haue the vpper parte of the gristelle of his ryghte eare cleane cutte of: soo as hit maye appere for a perpetuall token after that tyme: that he hath benne a contem-

nout of the good ozder of the cõmon welthe. And that euery constable of the parisshe, with the assistence of the moste substanciall of euery suche parisshe, where any such ruffeler oz vacabũd shal happen thus to be taken, shal do oz cause to be done this pzesent execucion, as wel in whippyng as in cutting of the said vpper gristel of the eare of euery suche ruffeler oz sturdy vacabund oz valiant begger, vpon peyne to lese and forfayte fyue markes, foz euery time that he shal refuse to do oz cause to be done the same execuciõ: & al & singuler thinhabitantes of the said citie, warde, town, hundzed, oz parisshe shal assist & aid the said constables in execuciõ of the pzemisses to the best of their power with good diligẽce, & without contradictiõ, vpon the peine afozesaid.

¶ Item it is further enacted by thauctozitie afozesayd, that yf any ruffeler oz sturdy vacabunde, oz valiant begger, not haupnge the vpper parte of the ryght eare, and bemge cutte of, as is afozesaied, happen to be apzehended and taken in oz at any pzyue serche, as afozesaid, at any other time wan dzynge in idelnes, in oz without any citie, warde, towne, parisshe, oz hamlet, within this realme, wher vnto he oz they haue ben assigned, and dewly pzoued befoze any Justice of peace, that he oz they haunte ydelnes, and hathe not applyed, noz doth not apply suche labours as he oz they haue ben assigned vnto, oz be not in seruice with any maister: that then he oz they so taken marked and haupng the vpper parte of the ryght eare cutte of, as is afozesaied, shall be by any of the said iustices of peace sente vnto the nexte gaole, there to remain without bayle oz maunpzise vntil the nexte quarter sessions, and there to be indited of wandzynge loytrynge and idelnes, and shal be arrained of the same. And if he oz they shall happen to be founde giltie by verdicte confession oz otherwise, of foz and vpon the same continuall loytringe and idelnes, then euery suche sturdy vacabund, & valiant begger, so founde giltie and condemned, shal haue iugement to sufferr peines and execution of deth, as a felon, and as enmies of the common welth, and to lose and forfait al their lands & goodes as felons do in all other causes within this realme.

¶ Item it is enacted by thauctozite afozesayd, that the knyght marshal foz the time beyng, shal haue ful power and auctozite by vertue of this pzesent acte, to serche do & put in due & playne execucion al and euery the contentes as well of the fozesaid fozmer act as of this pzesẽt acte, and of & vpon al such ruffelers sturdy vacabundes, and valiant beggers men and women, as in any wise shal frequent hunt oz loyter masterles & out of seruice, in & aboute the court, where so euer the kinges highnes chaunce to be resiaunt with his most honozable householde in any place of this realme.

¶ And foz the aduoiding of al such inconueniences and infections as often tyme haue and dayly do chaunce among the people by cõmen and open dolis, and that most cõmonly vnto suche dolis many persons do resozte, whyche haue no nede of the same: It is therfoze enacted by the auctozitie afozesaid, that no maner of person oz persons shal make oz cause to be made any suche common oz open dole, oz shall gyue any redy money in almesse, otherwise than to the common boxes, and common gatherynges in euery citie,

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towne, hundrede, parisshe, and hamblette, to and for the puttyng in playne and dewe execucion of all and euerie the good and vertuouse intentes and purpose conteyned in this presente acte, vppon payne to lose and forfayte tenne tymes the value of all suche redy money as shall be giuen in almes, contrarye to the tenour and purporte of the same. And that euery persone and persones of this realme, bodies polytike, corporate, and others, that be bounde or charged yerely, monethly, or wekely, to giue or to distribute any redy mony, breade, vitayl, or other sustentacion to poore peple in any place within this realme, shal from the feast of Michelmas next commyng, giue and distribute the same money, or the value of all suche breade, vitayle, or sustentacion vnto suche common boxes, to the entent the same maie be imployed, towardes the releuyng of the said poore, nedy, sicke, sore, and indigent persons, and also towardes the settyng in worke of the saied sturdy & idell vacabounde and valiaunte beggers: and euerye of the saied persone and persons, bodies politike, corporate, and others, shall be clerely discharged agaynste all and euery other persone and persons of and for all maner of bondes or grauntes, what so euer they be, for makyng of any of the same common doles, or others the foresaied distributions at any time of the yere: so as the money & true value of the same be giuē vnto the boxes, towardes the common almes and relieke of the poore people, in fourme aforesaied.

And to thentent that the money gathered towarde the relieke of pouerty, as is aboue saied, shalbe employed & conuerted to suche charitable vses and behokes, by this present acte by lymitted, and no parte therof to be misused by suche as shall haue the colection therof: It is therefore ordeyned and enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the churche wardens of euery parish, callyng vnto them syxe or foure of theyr honest neyghbours, shal haue full power & auctoritie euery quarter of the yere, or oftener by their discrecions, to commaunde euery such collectour to appere before them, and to render & yelde accompt of all summes of money as by them shall be gathered, and howe & in what maner it was employed. And if vpon any accompt it shal be seen, perceyued, or founde, that any suche collectour hath not conuerted nor employed the money by hym gathered to suche vses and intentes, as beymitted by this act, or to haue imbecillid any parte therof: that then euerye suche offendoure shal be attached & apprehended by them, before whom he so shal make accompt, and shal immediatly be brought before a iusticier of peace, if it be in any shire: or before ỹ maire or bailife, if it be in city, borough, or towne corporate, whiche iusticier, mayre or bailyffes, shal cause euery suche offendour to be cōmitted towarde and prison, there to remaine vnto suche tyme as he shall haue fully restored and payed to the collectours of the saied almes within the parishe where he so offended, all suche summes of money, as by him shall so be embecilled, conuerted, or employed to other vses or intentes, then by this acte be lymitted: And also tyll he shall haue payed fire shillinges. viii. d. for a penaltie, to be conuerted, employed, & distributed to the vses and intentes specified and declared in this acte.

¶ And it is ordered by thauctoritie aforesaid, ꝑ the person, vicar, or parishe preest, or some other honest man of euery parishe of this realme, without takyng or demaūding any thyng for the same, shall kepe a boke of rekenyng, and therin shall entre, write, & make mencion from time to time, in one place or parte of the boke, as wel of all and euery suche sommes of money as shal be gadered by the charitable almes of the inhabitantes of euery of the same parishes, as to make mēcion in one other place of the same boke, how, vpon whom, and in what wise any parte of the same money shall be spente: And so from yere to yere, from one yere, to an other yere he shal kepe a new boke, the boke to be bought and paied for by the constable and churche wardens for the tyme beyng, of the common collections, and alwayes shall remayne in the custody of two or thre of them, or of some other indifferente man, by their consentes, and not with the persone, vicar, or parishe preest.

¶ Item it is ordered by the said auctoritie, that two or thre tymes in euery weke, two or three of euery parishe within cities and townes corporate, by the assignement & appointmēnt of the maire, aldermen, gouernour, bailiffe, or constable, some in one weke, and some an other weke, shall name and appoynte certayne of the saied poore people, founde of the common almes, to collecte and gather broken meates and fragmentes, and the refuse drynke of euery householder within euery such parishe, whiche shalbe by their discretions distributed euenly among the poore people, found of the said common almes, as they by their discrecions shall thynke good.

¶ Item it is ordered by the saied auctoritee, that al & euery bailiffe, constable, church wardens, or others the collectours of the said almes, which shal at any tyme forbeare their owne busynesse and labour, and shall trauaile or take any paynes in and about the execucion of any parte of this present act shal haue and take for his and their so doyng suche competent wages of the money of the said cōmon collections, as by the discrecion of the maire, aldermen, gouernour, baylyffe, or iustices of peace, and others of the parishe, shal be thought good and reasonable whiche shal be appointed vnto them from tyme to tyme, alwais at the makyng of their accomptes before the hole parysshe aforesaied.

¶ Item the moneye of all and euery the foresaied free and charitable collections, shal be kept in the common coffre or boxe, standyng in the churche of euery parishe, or elles shalbe cōmitted vnto the handes and sauke custody of any other suche good and substanciall trusty man, as they cāne agree vpon, where they shall thynke it always sure and safe, and where it maie be surely delyuered vnto the vses before expressed from tyme to tyme, as necessitie shal require, makyng alwais mencion therof in two seuerall places of the said boke, as it is before declared, as often tymes as any parte thereof shall be spent or gathered.

¶ Item it is ordered by the saied auctoritie, that the inhabytantes of euery parishe of this realme, shall begyn to make the foresaied free, charitable, and godly collections and gatherynges in euery sonday and holy day next after

after the day of saynct John Baptyst next commyng, and so shal contynue yerely vnto the last day of the next parlyament. And euery parisshe makyng default, and not puttyng all and euery the premisses in due and perfect execucion: accordyng to theyr power, behauyours, and discrecions, shall lose & forfayt .xx.s. for euery moneth, in whiche it is omitted and vndone. And all Justices of peace, in euery cõtie and lybertie of this realme, shal haue full power and auctoritee, by vertue of this presente act, to enquyre, here, order, and determine all and euerie the premisses, in maner fourme and to all intentes, as it is before declared.

¶ Finally it is ordeyned, enacted, and establysshed by the auctoritee aforesaid. that this present acte shal begyn to take effecte, & to be put in execucion with the foresaied former acte, the morowe after the day of sayncte Myghell the archangel next cõmyng, and shal continue vnto the last day of the nexte parlyamente. And that the one moytie of al and euery the forfaytures aforesaid, shalbe to thuse of the common boxe, to the relefe of the poore, decrepite, sicke and indigent & impotẽt people, being within any citie, towne, hundred or parisshe, where any such offẽce is committed: and the other moitie to him or them that wyl sue for the same by byl action of det playnt or otherwise in any courte of recorde, or courte baron of this realme, in whiche action noo wager of lawe, essoyn, or protection shalbe allowed.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this present acte shall not be hurtful or preiudiciall vnto any person or persons for giuyng or sendyng of any redy money, or of any fragmẽtes or broken meate or drinke vnto any person or persons, inhabited within the parisshe, where he dwelleth, or to any persons, but that they and euery of them, of their charite, maie vse, sende, order, gyue and dispose the same to any person or persons aforesaied, as they woll them selfes, either within their owne houses, or elles where: any thyng conteined in this present acte, to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that they whiche by the auctoritee of this acte, shall cause the eares of any offender to be cutte of, in forme before mẽcioned, shall certifie in writyng endented vnder their seales at the nexte generall sessions of the peace, that shal be kepte in any citie, towne, borough, or shire, vnto the clerke of the peace of the same city, towne, or shyre, the names of all suche as shal fortune to haue theyr eares cutte of, for the causes before said, and of the tyme and place of doyng of the same, And if they faile & make defaut this to do by the space of one moneth, that then they shall forfayte for euery moneth soo offendyng, forty shyllynges.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that no church wardeyne, collectour or collectours of any the foresaied charitable almes, shal contynewe in his or theyr said offices & rowmes aboue the space of one hole yere. And that in al cities, boroughes, townes, and parishes of this realme, the ouerplus of all & al maner of collections of the ryche & welthy parishes, within any of the same cities boroughes, townes, hundredes, lathes, rapes, and wapontakes from tyme to tyme, shal be ordred and distributed for and

towardes the sustentacion of the charges of other poore parisshes, nere and within any of the same cities, boroughes, townes, hundredes, lathes, rapes, and wapontackes, by the discrecion from tyme to tyme of the Mayre, Aldermen, bayliffes, gouernours, Justices of peace & high constable of the same.

¶ Prouided always, that in suche cities, townes, hundredes, wapontakes, lathes, rapes, ridinges, turninges, hamlettes, & paryshes, where the voluntary and vnconstreined almesse & charitie of the parishens or people, whiche by this acte shalbe contributorie to suche almesse, and with suche money, as shalbe added and giuen to the same from any monasteries or other persons bodies politicke, corporate, or other, wol not suffise to the sustentacio of the poore, nedie, and indigent people being within the lymittes of such contribucion, neyther the mayres, aldermen, shyreffes, baylyffes, constables, or other heed officers, householders, ministers, or inhabytantes of the same in particular, ne also the hole of them in generall, shall incurre or rene in to the said forfayture, danger, or penaltie of .xx.s. for euery monethe, ne any of them to be constreyned to any suche certayne contribution, but as their free willes and charyties shall extende, otherwise than that the persones therunto appointed by this acte shal well and trewely distribute, accordyng to the purporte of the same, the said charitie and almes, that shal com to their handes of voluntary gyfte, vpon the penalteyes in this acte for the same prouided: any clause, sentence, or wordes in the same act beyng or founden to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also it shall be lefull to all noble men & other, keppng houses, theyr amners, seruantes, officers, and ministers, to gyue in almes the fragmentes or broken meate or drinke of the same, as welle to poore and indygente people of other parishes, as of the same paryshes, where suche house is kepte: any thyng in this acte, or in any prouision of the same to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided further more, that seruyng men departyng frome theyr seruyce by lycence, wyll, death, or exclusion of theyr lorde, lady, mayster or maistresse, hauyng of the same their lorde, ladye maister or maistresse letters, or in case of their deathe other sufficiente profe, testifienge the daye of theyr exclusion or departure from suche seruice, shall not incurre or renne in to any of the punishementes or penalties compriseddе in this acte, for vacaboundes or sturdie beggers, within the space of oone moneth after the daymencioned in the saied letters, or apperynge by the saied testimonye to bee the daye of their departure from suche seruices, ne also at or after the same moneth expyred: so that by thende of suche moneth they shall haue entered in to any seruice, or be otherwise in labour, accordynge to the fourme and tenour of this acte.

¶ Prouyded also that in as muche as fryers mendyantes haue lyttell or nothyng to lyue vpon, but onely by the charitie and almesse of chrysten people: This acte therefore, ne any thynge therein conteyned, shall be preiudicyall or hurtefull vnto any persone or persones for gyuynge of them

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in generall or particuler any maner almes in money vitayle or other thing: ne also to them or any of them, for beyng or remaynyng out of the places, where they were borne or had their last habitacion, or for passyng abrode to gather the almes and charitie of Christen people, or for continuance in their religyon as they haue ben accustomed to doo: this acte, or any thyng therin mencioned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte, ne any thyng therin mencioned, be hurteful or preiudiciall to any abbottes priours or other person or persons of the clergie or other, that by any meanes be bounde to gyue yerelye wekelye or daily almes in money, vitayle, lodgyng, clothing, or other thyng in any monasteryes almes houses hospitalles or other foundacions or brotherheedes, by any good auctoritee or auncient custome, or of daily charitee by kepyng of poore men, established for that purpose, ne to any person or persons for receiuyng of the same, or for their abydyng in suche almes howses or hospitalles, accordyng to suche foundacion: Ne also for almes in redy money or otherwise to be gyuen to maryners, or other persons that shall fortune to come or be set on land from shippes perished or lost on the see: or to any persone that ridyng goyng or passyng by the way, shall after his or theyr conscyence or charitie gyue money or other thyng to lame blynde or sycke aged or impotente people: any thyng in this acte to the contrary mencioned not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for lawes and iustice to be ministred in Wales in lyke fourme as it is in this realme. Cap. xxvii.

AL BE IT THE DOMINION principalitie and countrey of wales iustly and rightuously is and euer hath ben incorporated annexed vnited and subiecte to and vnder the imperiall crowne of this realme, as a very member and ioynte of the same: wherfore the kynges mooste royall maiestie of mere droit and very ryght, is very heed kynge lorde and ruler. Yet not withstandyng, bycause that in the same countreye princypalytie and dominion diuers rightes, vsages, lawes, and customes, be farre discrepant from the lawes and customes of this realme, and also bycause that the people of the same dominion haue and doo daily vse a speche nothynge lyke ne consonāt to the natural mother tonge vsed within this realme, some rude and ignorant people haue made distinction and diuersitie betwene the kynges subiectes of this realme, and his subiectes of the said domoniō and principalitie of wales, wherby great discorde variance debate diuision mur mur and sedycyon hath growen betwene his saied subiectes: His hyghnes therfore, of a synguler zele, loue, and fauour, that he beareth towardes his subiectes of his saied domynacion of wales, mindyng and intendyng to reduce them to the perfect order notice and knowlege of his lawes of this his realme, and vtterly to extirpe all and synguler the sinister vsages and cu-

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stomes differyng frome the same, and to bryngе his saied subiectes of this his realme, and of his saied dominion of Wales to an amiable concord and vnitie, hathe by deliberate aduise consente and agremente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, ordeined enacted and stablished, that his said countrey or dominion of Wales shall be stonde & continue for euer from henceforth incorporated, vnited, and annexed to & with this his realme of England. And that al & singuler person and persons, borne & to be borne in the said principalitie cõtray or dominion of Wales, shall haue enioy and inherite all and singuler fredomes, liberties, rightes, priuileges, and lawes within this realme and other the kynges dominions, as other the kynges subiectes naturally borne within the same haue enioy & inherite. And that all and synguler persone and persones inheritable to any manours landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruices or other hereditamentes, whiche shal discende after the feast of al saintes next cõmyng, within the saied principalitie contray or dominyon of Wales, or within any perticuler lordshyp part or parcel of the said countrey or dominion of wales, shall for euer frome and after the said feast of all saintes, inherite and be inheritable to the same manours landes tenementes rẽtes reuercions & hereditamentes after the englysshe tenour without diuision or parcion, & after the forme of the lawes of this realme of Englande, & not after any tenure ne after the form of any welshe lawes or customes: And that the lawes ordinances and statutes of this realme of england for euer, & none other lawes ordinances ne statutes frome and after the said feast of al sayntes next cõmyng, shall be had, vsed practised and executed in the said countrey or dominion of wales and euery parte therof, in lyke maner forme and order, as they ben and shal be had vsed practised and executed in this realme: and in suche lyke maner & forme, as hereafter by this acte shalbe further establysshed and ordeined: any acte statute vsage custome president libertie priuilege or other thyng, had made vsed graunted or suffred to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ And for as muche as there be many & diuers lordships marchers within the saied countrey or dominion of Wales, lyenge betwene the shires of Englande, and the shires of the saied country or dominion of wales, and beyng no parcell of any other shires, where the lawes and due correction is vsed and hadde: by reason wherof hathe ensued and hathe benne practysed perpetrated committed and done within and among the saied lordeshippes and countreys to them adioynyng, manifolde and dyuers detestable murders, brennyng of houses, robberies, thekes, trespasses, rowtes, ryottes, vnlaufull assembles, embraceries, mayntenaunces, receptynge of felons, oppressions, ruptures of the peace, and manyfolde other malefactes, contrary to all lawes and iustice: And the saied offenders therupon makynge their refuge from lordshyppes to lordshyppe, were and continued without punyshement or correction: For due reformacion wherof, and for as muche as dyuers and many of the saied lordships marchers be now in the handes

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and possession of our soueraygne lorde the kynge, and the smallest nombre of them in the possession of other lordes, it is therfore enacted by thauctorytes aforesaied, that dyuers of the said lordships marchers shall be vnited, annexed, and ioyned to dyuers of the shires of England: and dyuers of the said lordships marchers shall be vnited, annexed, & ioyned to diuers of the shires of the said contrey or dominion of wales, in maner & forme hereafter folowing. And that al the residue of ỹ said lordships marchers, within the said countrey or dominyon of wales, shall be serued & diuided in to certeyne particular counties or shires: that is to saie, the countie or shire of Mommouth, the countie or shire of Brekenoke, the coũtie or shire of Radnore, the countie or shire of Moũtgomerey, the coũty or shire of Denbigh. And that the lordshyps, townships, parishes, cõmotes, & cantredes of Mommouth, Chepstowe, Watherne, Kamnyhangel. Wagour, Goldecliffe, Neweporte, wenlloge, Kanwerne, Caerlion, Uske, Trelecke, Tynterne, Skynfreth, Gronsinont, wite castel, Reglan, Calycote, Biston, Abergenenny, Penrose, Grenefelde, Waghen and Hochuyslade in the said countrey of wales: and all and singulet honours, lordships, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamẽtes, lyng or being within the compas or precint of the saied lordships, townships, hamlettes, parishes cõmotes, & cantredes, & euery of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shal stande and be from & after the said feaste of all saintes gyldable, & shal be reputed, accepted, named, and taken as parte & membres of the said shire of Mommouth. And that the saied towne of Mommouth shall be named, accepted, reputed, vsed, had, and taken heed & shire towne of the saied countie or shire of Mommouth, And that the shereffes countie or shyre courte, of and for the said shire and countie of Mommouth shal be holden & kept one tyme at the sayde towne of Mommouth, and the nexte tyme at the towne of Neweporte in the same countie or shire, and soo to be kepte in the same two townes alternis uicibus, and accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande for euer, and in none other places.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctorytie aforesaied, that all actions realles, that herafter shall be conueyed, perpetrated, or sued for any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or any other thyng within the saied countie or shire of Mommouth, and all actions personals, within the same shyre or countie, of the summe of .xl.s. or aboue, and all actions mixte, shall be sued by originall writte out of the kynges hygh court of Chancerie in England, and herde determined and tryed before the kinges iustices in Englande, or by Assise, or Nisi prius within the said countie of Mommouth, in suche lyke maner fourme and wise, as all other actions realles personals and actions mixte be sued hard determined and tried in or for any shire of this realme of Englande. And that the kynges iustices of his benche, or of his common benche of westm, shal haue full power and auctorytie to directe all maner proceste to the shireffe & all other officers of the said countie of Mommouth and also to directe writtes of Venire facias, to the same shireffe for ỹ trial or

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euery iſſue ioined before them: and alſo to awarde cõmiſſions of Niſi prius into the ſayd countie of Mommouth, for the triall of ſuche iſſues ioyned before them, in like maner and form as they do into euery ſhire of this realme of England. And all and euery the kynges ſubiectes & inhabitantes within the ſaid countie of Mommouth, ſhalbe for euer from and after the ſaid feeſt of al ſayntes, obliged and bounden to be obedient and attendant to the lord chauncellour of Englande, the kynges iuſtices, and other of the kynges moſte honorable counſayle, and vnto all lawes, cuſtomes, ordynances and ſtatutes of this realme of Englande, in lyke maner fourme and wyſe, as al other the kynges ſubiectes within euery ſhyre of this realme of Englande be obliged and bounden, any act ſtatute vſage cuſtome libertie priuilege, or any other thyng to the contrarye in any wiſe not withſtandynge. And that the ſheriffe of the ſaid countie ſhal holde plee of replegiare, & al other ſuites and playntes vnder .xl.s. in his countie or ſhyre courte, in lyke maner and fourme as all other ſhereffes do within this realme of Englande. And that the ſhereffe, eſchetours, and corōners that here after ſhalbe within the ſaied countie or ſhyre of Mommouth, ſhalbe obliged & bounden to execute al the kynges proceſſes, and to make due returnes therof, and to vſe and exerciſe theyr offices, accordyng to the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme of Englande in all and euery thyng, as the ſhereffes eſchetours & corōners be obliged and bounden to do in al & euery other ſhire of this realme of England. And that the ſhereffe & eſchetours of ꝑ ſaid ſhire or countie of Mommouth, that hereafter ſhalbe appointed by our ſouereigne lorde the kynge, make theyr accomptes for theyr ſaied offices in the kynges eſchequyer in Englande, in lyke maner & fourme as other ſhereffes and eſchetours do within this realme of England, and vppon ſuche lyke peyne and penaltye, as is vpon other ſhereffes and eſchetours in euery other ſhire within thes realme of England.

¶ And it is enacted by thauctorite aforeſaied, that the lordſhippes, townſhyps, pariſhes, cõmotes, and cantredes of Bzeknoke, Crekhowell, Tretowre, Penkelly, Englyſhe talgarth, welſh talgarth, Dynas, The haye, Glynebogh, Bropulles: Cantercely, Llādo, Blaynllynby, Eſtrodewe. Buelthe, and Llyngors, in the ſaied countrey or dominion of wales, and all and ſynguler honours lordſhips caſteis manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyng or being within the compas or precinte of the ſaied lordeſhips, pariſhes, cõmotes, any cantredes, or any of them, in whoſe poſſeſſion, ſo euer they be or ſhalbe, and euery parte therof, ſhal ſtande and be for euer from the ſaied feaſte of all ſayntes gildable: and ſhalbe reputed, accepted, named, and taken as partes and membres of the ſaied countie or ſhyre of Bzekenoke. And that the ſaied towne of Bzekenoke ſhall be named, accepted, reputed, vſed, had, and taken, heed and ſhire towne of the ſaied countye or ſhyre of Bzekenoke. And that the ſhyre courte or countye of and for the ſaied ſhyre or countie of Bzekenoke, ſhall be holden and kepte in the ſaied towne of Bzekenoke.

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¶And it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the lordships townships parishes commotes and cantredes of newe Radnore, Elvelherman, Elvel-les, Bonghred, Glaslebery Glawdistre, Mythelles churche, Meleneth, Blewagh, knighton, Norton, Preston, Comorhuder, Rayder, Gwethronpon, and Stanage in the saied countrey of Wales and everye of theym, and al and singuler honours, lordships, castels, manours, landes, tenemētes, & hereditamentes lyeng or being within the compasse or precincte of the saied lordships townships parishes commotes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery part therof, shal stand and be for euer from the said feast of al sauntes, gyldable: and shall be reputed accepted named and taken as partis and membres of the said countie or shire of Radnore. And that the said towne of Newe Radnore shal be named accepted reputed vsed had and taken head and shire towne of the said countye or shyre of Radnore. And that the shyre courte or countie of and for the saied countie or shire of Radnore, shall be holden and kepte one tyme at the said towne of Newe Radnore, and the nexte time at the towne of Rather Gowyne, in the same countie or shire, and so to be kept in the same two townes alternis vicibus for euer, and in none other place.

¶And it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the lordshippes townshyps parishes commotes and cantredes, of Mountgomerey, Kedewenkery, Cawrslande, Arnstely Kenilock, Doythure, Powellande, Clunes land, Balesley, Tempeester, and Alcestre in the said countrey of Wales, and euery of them, and all and singuler honours, lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyenge or beynge within the compas or precincte of the saied lordships parishes townships commotes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euerye parte therof, shall stande and be for euer, from the saied feast of all sayntes, gyldable: and shall be reputed accepted named and taken as partes & membres of the said countie or shire of Mountgomerie. And that the said towne of Mountgomery shalbe named accepted reputed vsed had and taken head and shire towne of the said countie of Mountgomerye. And that the countie or shiere courte of and for the saied countie or shiere of Mountgomerey shall be holden and kepte the firste time at the saied towne of Mountgomerey, and the next time at the towne of Waghenleth in the same shire or countie and so to be kepte in the same two townes alternis vicibus, for euer, and in none other place.

¶AND ALSO IT IS enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that the lordships townships parishies commotes and cantredes of Denbyghlande, Ruthin, saint Tasse, kynilethowen, Bromkylde, Yale, Chirke, and Chirkelande, Moleldale, and Hopeldale, in the saied countrey of Wales, and euerye of them: and all and synguler honours lordshyps castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyeng or beyng within the compas or precinct of the said lordships townships cōmotes & cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, & euery part therof

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shal stond and be for euer from ỹ said feast of al sayntes gyldable: ⁊ shal be reputed accepted named and take as partes and membres of the said cõtie or shire of Denbygh. And that the saied towne of Denbigh shall be named accepted reputed vsed hadde and taken heed and shire towne of the countie or shiere of Denbygh. And that the countie or shiere courte of and for the saied countie or shire of Denbygh, shalbe holden and kepte the fyrste tyme at the said towne of Denbigh, and the next tyme at the towne of Wrytham in the said shire or countie, and so to be kept in the same two townes alternis uicibus for euer and in none other place.

¶ And for as muche as the counties or shyres of Bzekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomery, and Denbigh be far destãt from the cite of London, where the lawes of Englande be commonly vsed mynistred exercised and executed: and for that the inhabytantes of the saied shires of Bzeknoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbygh be not of substaunce power and abilite to trauayle out of their countreys to seke the administracion of Justice, It is therfore enacted by the auctorite aforesaied, that the kynge our souerayne lorde shal haue one Chaunceric and eschequier at his castel of Bzekenoke, ⁊ one other at his towne and Castell of Denbygh. And that the shireffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the cõties of Bzekenoke and Radnore, Mountgomerey and Denbigh, from and after the said feast of al sayntes shall be yerely appoynted by oure souerayne lorde the kyng, for ⁊ within euery of the said shires of Bzekenoke Radnore Mountgomerey and Denbygh. And that the sheriffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the Counties of Bzekenoke and Radnore, frome and after the said feaste of all sayntes, shall yerelye make their accomptes before the kynges auditours and suche chamberlayne or baron of the said Eschequier, as shal be therunto appoynted by our sayd souerayne lorde the kynge, in suche like maner and fourm, as thereffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes do yerely make their accomptes in the kynges Eschequire at westminster within this realme of Englande. And that the shyreffes eschetours and other officers accomptãtes of the cõties of Mountgomery and Denbygh, frome and after the saied feaste of all sayntes, shall yerely make theyr accompte before the kynges auditours, and suche chamberlayne or baron of the saied Eschequire, as shall be therevnto appoynted by our saied souerayne lorde the kynge, in suche lyke maner ⁊ forme as shireffes eschetours and other officers accomptauntes, doo yerely make their accomptes in the kynges eschequier at westmynster within this realme of Englande.

And that Justice shall be mynistred, vsed, exercised, and executed, vnto the kynges subiectes and inhabitauntes in euerye of the said shyres of Bzekenoke, Radnore, Mountogomery, and Denbighe, accordynge to the lawes and statutes of this realme of Englande, and accordynge to suche other customes and lawes nowe vsed in wales aforesaied, as the kyng our souerayne lorde, and his most honorable counsayle shall allowe and thinke expedient requisite and necessary by suche Justiciar or Justiciars as shall be

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therunto appointed by our saied souerayne lorde the kynge, and after suche forme and fascion, as iustice is vsed and ministred to the kynges subiectes within the thre shires of Northwales.

¶ And also it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the lordships townes parishes cõmotes hundredes and cantredes of Oswestre, whetington, Waldroke, knokyng, Ellesmer, Downe, & Churbury hundred in the marches of wales aforesaid, that euery of them, & al and singuler honours lordships, castelles, manours, townes, hamlettes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyeng or being within the compas, or precinct of the said lordshippes, townes, parishes, commotes, hundredes, and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shal stand & be for euer, from and after the said feast of all saintes gildable: and shalbe vnited annexed and ioined to and with the countie of Salop, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And that the saied lordships of Oswester, whetyngton, Waldroke, and knokynge, with their membres, shall be taken, named, and knowen, by the name of the hundrede of Oswestre, in the countie of Salop: and the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendaunte and do euery thyng and thynges at euery sessions Assise and gaole delyuerie to be holden within the countie of Salop, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes doon within the saied countie of Salop, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshippe of Ellesmer, with the membres of the same, shall be vnited, ioyned, and knytte to the hundred of Pymhill in the countie of Salop: and shall be taken named and knowen to be parcel of the same hundred: and the inhabytantes therof shall be attendaunt, and do euery thyng and thynges with the inhabitauntes of the said hundred of Pymhil as the inhabytantes of the same hundred nowe do and vse, accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordshippe of Downe, with the membres, shalbe vnited ioyned & knytte to the hundred of Churbury in the countie of Salop: and that the inhabytauntes of the saied hundred of Churbury and lordeshippe of Downe, shall be attendaunte to doo euerye thynge and thynges, at euerye sessions assyse and gaole delyuerie to be holden within the saied countie of Salop, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the said countie of Salop accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Engande. And that the saied hundred of Churbury after the saied feaste of all saintes, nor the saied hundred of Oswestre, nor yet the lordshippe of Ellesmere, shall be in no wyse other wise priuileged, nor haue no other libertie nor priuilege, but as hundredes vnited annexed and knytte to the saied countie of Salop, as other hundredes be within the saied countie.

¶ And that the lordeshippes, townes, parishes, commotes, hundredes, and cantredes of Ewyas lacy, Ewias harolde, Clifforde, wynforton, Yerdesley, Huntyngton, whytney, wygmore, Logharneys, and Stepulton, in the said marches of wales, and euery of them: And all and synguler honours lordships castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lynge

or being within the compas or precinte of the saied lordeshippes townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shall stande and be for euer, from and after the saied feast of all sayntes gyldable: and shalbe vnited annered and ioyned to & with the countie of Hereforde, as a membre parte or percell of the same countie of Hereforde. And that the lordshippes of wygmore and Logharneys, with their membres, shall be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of wygmore in the countie of Herefordе afore saied: And that the inhabitauntes thereof shall be attendante, and do euery thyng and thynges, at euery sessions assise and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the saied countie of Hereforde, as the inhabytauntes of all other hundredes do within the saied countie of Hereforde, accordyng to the lawes of this realme of England. And that the hole lordeshyp of Ewias lacy, with the membres, shall be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of Eways lacy within the saied countie of Herforde: And the inhabitantes therof shalbe attendant and do euery thing and thinges, at euery sessions assise and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the said countie of Hereforde as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do, within the saied countie of Herforde, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshyppe of Ewias harolde with the membres, shall be vnited ioyned and knitte to the hundrede of webtre in the said countie of Hereforde. and shalbe taken named & knowen to be parcell of the said hundred of webtree: and the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendante and do euery thyng and thynges with the inhabitauntes of the same hundrede of webtre, as the inhabitauntes of the same hundred nowe do, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshyppes of Clyfforde, wynforton, Yerdesley, Whitney, and Huntyngton, with their membres, shal be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of Huntyngton within the countie of Herforde afore saied: and that the inhabytauntes therof shalbe attendaunte & do euery thyng and thynges, at euery sessions assise and gaole delyuere to be holden within the saied connty of Hereforde, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the saied countie of Hereforde, accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande, And that the saied hundred of wygmore, with the membres, and the saied hundred of Ewyas lacy, and the saied hundred of Huntyngton, and the said lordeship of Ewyas harolde, annered vnto the hundred of webtree, after the saied feaste of all sayntes, shalbe in no wyse otherwyse priuileged, nor haue no other libertie fraunches ne priuilege: but as hundredes vnited and annered to the saied countie of Hereforde, and as other hundredes be within the saied countie of Herforde.

¶ AND THAT the lordshyppes townes and parisshes of Wollaston, Tidnam, and Becheleye, in the saied marches of wales, and all honours lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyynge or beynge betwene Chepstowe brydge in the saied marches of wales, and

& Glouceſter ſhire, in whoſe poſſeſſion ſo euer they be or ſhalbe, & euery part therof, ſhal ſtand and be gildable from and after the ſaid feaſt of al ſaintes, and ſhalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the ſaied countie or ſhire of Glouc. as a membre parte or percell of the ſame. And that the ſaied lordeſhyps townes and pariſhes of Wollaſton, Tidnam, and Bechely, and all honours lordſhippes caſteis manours landes tenementes and hereditamētes, lyyng or beyng betwene Chepſtowe bridge and the ſhire of Glouc. as is aforeſaid, ſhalbe vnited ioined and knit to the hundred of weſebery with in the ſaied ſhire of Gloceſter, and ſhall be taken named and knowen to be parte and percell of the ſame hundred: and the inhabitantes thereof ſhalbe attendant and do euery thyng and thinges with the inhabytauntes of the ſaid hūdred of Weſebery, as the inhabytātes of the ſame hūdred nowe do accordyng to the lawes of this realme of englād. And ꝑ the ſaid lordeſhips of wollaſton, Tidnam, and Bechely, after the ſaid feaſt of al ſaintes ſhalbe in no wiſe priueleged, nor haue no other lyberties franches ne priuilege, but as parcell of the ſaied hundred of weſebery in the ſaied countie of Glouceſter. ¶ And that the lordſhips townes pariſhes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes of Gowerkyluey, biſhops towne, Landaffe, Dinghyptghe ſupra: Dinghyth ſubtus, Mylkin, Ogmore, Glynerotheney, Tallagarne, Ruthien, Tallauan, Lanblethyan, Lantwid, Tyerpall, Iuan, Nethe, Landewey, & the Claps in the ſaid countrey of wales and euery of them: and al honours lordſhippes caſtelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyyng or beyng within the compas or precincte of the ſaid lordſhips, townes, pariſhes, cōmotes, hundredes, and cantredes, or any of them, in whoſe poſſeſſion ſo euer they be or ſhall be, and euery parte therof ſhall ſtande and be gildable for euer from and after the ſaid feaſt of all ſayntes, and ſhalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Glamorgan, as a membre parte or percell of the ſame. And that the ſaid ſhire of Glamorgan and Mordannoke, & al the aforeſaid lordſhips townes pariſhes cōmotes hundredes & cātredes, vnited & annexed to the ſaid countie of Glamorgan, ſhall frome & after the ſaid feaſt of al ſaintes, be reputed named accepted & knowen by ꝑ name of the ſhire of Glamorgan onely, and by none other name. And ꝑ from and after the ſaid feaſt of al ſaintes iuſtice ſhalbe miniſtred and executed to the kinges ſubiectes and inhabitantes of the ſaied countie of Glamorgan accordyng to the lawes cuſtomes and ſtatutes of this realme of England, and after no welſhe lawes: and in ſuche fourme and facion as iuſtice is miniſtred & vſed to ꝑ kynges ſubiectes within the thre ſhires of North wales. ¶ And that the lordeſhips towns pariſhes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes of Lanemthe very, Abermerleſe, Redwely, Eſkennynge, Cornwolthon, Newecaſtell, Emyl, Abergoyly, in the ſaied countrey of wales and euery of them: and all honours lordſhippes caſteis manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, lyeng or beyng within the compas or precint of the ſaied lordſhips townes pariſhes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes or any of the in whoſe poſſeſſion ſo euer they be or ſhalbe, & euery parte therof ſhal ſtād &

be gildable for euer, from & after the said feast of al saintes: & shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Kayermerthen, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And that from & after the said feast of all saintes iustice shalbe ministred and executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabitantes of the said countie of Kaermerden, according to the lawes customes & statutes of this realme of England, and after no welshe lawes, and in suche fourme & facion as iustice is ministred & vsed to the kynges subiectes, within the thre shires of Northwales.

¶ And that the lordshipp townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes, of Hanerfordwest, Kilgarran, Lāsteffan, Laugeharne otherwise called Tellaugherne, walwynscastell, Dewys land, Lannehadeyn, Lankey, Herberth, Slebeyche, Rosemarkette, Castellan, and Llandofloure in the saied countrey of wales and euery of them, and all honours lordeshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lienge or beynge within the compas or precincte of the said lordshippes townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shall stande and be gildable for euer from and after the saied feast of al sayntes, and shal be vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Pembroke, And that from and after the saied feest of all saites, iustice shalbe ministred & executed to ỳ kynges subiectes & inhabitantes of the said countie of Pembroke, according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of England, and after no welshe lawes: and in suche fourme and facion, as iustice is ministred and vsed to the kynges subiectes within the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And that the lordeshippes townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes of Tregaron, Generglyn, Landway, Ureny in the said countrey of wales and euery of them, and al honours lordshippes casteles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyeng or being within the compas or precincte of the saied lordships townes parishes commotes hundredes & cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery part therof, shal stand and be gildable for euer from & after the saied feaste of all sainctes, and shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Cardigan, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And ỳ from & after the saied feaste of all sayntes iustice shal be ministred and executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabitantes of the saied countie of Cardigan, according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of Englande, & after no welshe lawes: & in such fourme and facion as iustice is ministred and vsed to the kinges subiectes within the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And that the lordship towne and parishes of Mouthway in the said countrey of wales, in whose possession so euer it be: and all landes tenementes & hereditamentes nowe lyeng or beyng within the compas or precincte of the saied lordeshippe towne and parishes of Mouthway or any of theym, in whose possession so euer they be or shal be, and euery parte therof, shal stand and be gildable for euer from & after the said feast of al saintes, and shal be

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vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Merioneth in Northwales, as a commiote membre part or parcel of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all Justices, cõmissioners, shireues coroners, eschetours, stewardes, and their lieutenantes, and all other officers and ministers of the lawe, shal proclaime and kepe the sessions, courtis, hundredes, leetes, shereues courtes, and all other courtes, in the englyshe tonge: and all othes of officers, iuries, and inquestes, and all other affidauithes verdites and wagers of lawe, to be giue and done in the englyshe tonge. And also that from henseforth no persone or persones that vse the welshe speche or langage, shal haue or inioy any manor office or fees within this realme of England, wales, or other the kynges dominion, vpon peine of forfaityng the same offices or fees, onles he or they vse and exercise the speche or langage of englyshe.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that hit shall be lefulle to the shyreffe of euerie of the aforesaied shyres of Mommouthe. Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbyghe, and euerye of them, to putte euerye mystruled and supecte persone within their shyrefwike, vnder common maynprise and suertie of their personall apparaunce, as the shireffes do within euery of the thre shires of Northwales. And that the reconisances of such commen mainprise and suertie of apparance, taken before any of the said shireffes, shalbe as good and effectuall, as if it were taken by any Justice of recorde. And that the shireffe of the countie of Mõmouth, shal certifie such reconisances, common mainprise, or suertie of apparance at euerye quarter sessions, before the Justices of peace of the saied countie of Mommouth. And that euery person and persons, within the said countie of Mommouth, put vnder commen maynprise, & bound to his personal apparance, shal kepe their personall apparance at the sessions holden within the saied shire of Mommouth, nexte after the clause of Easter, and at the sessions to be holden within the said shire nexte after the feast of saint Myghel tharchangell, vntyll suche tyme that they be thereof releced after the fourme of the lawe. And that euery of the shireffes of the saied counties of Brekenoke, Karnor, Mountgomerey, and Denbigh, and euery of them, shall certifie suche recognisances commen mainprise or surettie of apparance by them taken, before suche Justice as shalbe apoynted by our soueraygne lorde the kyng within euery of the said shires at euery sessions to be holden in any of the saied shires before the same Justice.

¶ And that euery persone and persones within the said counties of Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbigh: And also within the aboue named counties of Glamorgan, Kermerden, Pembroke, and Cardigan, or any of them, put vnder commen mainprise, and bounde to his or their personal apparance, as wel by the foresaid shireffes, as by the Justices of any of the said counties: shall kepe their apparances before the saied Justices at euery sessions within the said counties to be holden in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is vsed in the three shires of Northwales.

¶And for that ꝑ lordes marchers before this ꝓsent parliament haue vsed to put their tenantes within their lordships marchers vnder suche common maynprise and suertie of apparance, and haue had the forfaytures thereof: whiche for euer from and after the said feaste of all sayntes shal vtterly cesse and determine: Therfore be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaied, that after the said feaste of all sainctes, euery lay and temporall person nowe being a lorde marcher, shall haue the moytie or halfe of euery forfayture of al and euery common maynprise, recognisaunce for the peace, or apparance forfayted by any of their tenantes, inhabityng within any of their lordeshyppes marchers: and they to be payde the same moytie or halfe, by the handes of the shireffes of euery of the saied countres, where such forfaytures shall be, if the shireffe can leuie the same: and the same shireffe to accompte to oure souerayne lorde the kynge for the other halfe or moitie, in suche eschequre as they be accomptant.

¶Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that immediatly vpon the prorogacion or dissolucion of this ꝓsent parlyamẽt, the lord chauncellour of Englande shal dyrecte the kinges cõmission vnder his gracis great seale, to suche persons as to hym shall be thought conuenyente, to enquyre and viewe all the saied shires of Kermerden, Pembroke, Cardigan, Wommouth, Brekenoke, Radnore, Montgomerey, Glomorgan, & Denbigh, and euery parte and parcell of them: and vpon such viewe and serche, to diuide them & euery of them into so many hundredes as they shal thynke most meete and conuenient: And the hundredes, so diuided, shall retourne and certifie with the saied commission in to the hyghe Courte of Chauncerye before the saied feaste of all sayntes, and the same to remayne of Recorde, and to be of suche force and effecte, as hit were by acte of parlyamente.

And that the saied hundredes, after the saied Certificate, shall be vsed and taken, as other hundredes be in euerye other shyre within this realme of Englande.

¶Furthermore it is enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that immedyately after the prorogacion or dissolucion of this ꝓsente parlyamente, the lorde chauncellour of Englande shall directe the kynges commission vnder his graces great seale to suche persons as to him shalbe thoughte conueniente, to enquire and serche out by all wayes and meanes that they canne, all and syngular lawes, vsages, and customes, vsed within the saied dominion and countrey of wales: and the same shall retourne and certifie to the kynges highnes and his most honourable counsaile before the said feast of all sayntes nexte commynge: and that vppon delyberate aduise therof hadde and taken, all such lawes, vsages, & customes, as the kinges highnes & his said most honorable counsayle shall thynke expedient requisite and necessary to be had vsed & exercised in the before rehersed shires or any of them, or in any other shire of the dominion or countrey of wales, shall stande and be of full strength vertue and effecte, and shall be for euer inuiolably obserued hadde vsed and executed in the same shires, as if this acte hadde neuer been had ne made

made: any thyng in the same acte conteyned to the contrarye in any wyse notwithstandyng.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that for this presente parlyament, and all other parlyamentes to be holden and kepte for this realme, two knyghtes shall be chosen and elected to the same parlyamente for the shire of Mommouth, and one burges for the borough of Mommouthe, in lyke maner fourme and order, as knightes and burgeis of the parliamẽt be elected and chosen in all other shires of this realme of Englande: And that the same knyghtes and burgeis shall haue like dignitie preeminence & priuilege, and shall be allowed suche fees, as other knyghtes and burgeis of the parlyament haue benne allowed: And the knyghtes fees to be leuied perceyued receyued gathered and paid in such maner fourme and order, as suche fees be gathered leuied perceyued receyued and payed in other shires of this realme of Englande: And the burgeis fees to be leuied as wel within the burgh of Mommouth, as within all other auncyente burghes within the saied shire of Mommouth.

¶ And that for this present parlyament, and all other parlyamentes to be holden and kepte for this realme, one knyghte shal be chosen and elected to the same parlyamentes for euery of the shyres of Wrkenoke, Radnor, Mountgomerey, and Denbygh, and for euery other shire within the saied countrey or dominion of wales: and for euery borough, being a shire towne within the said countrey or dominion of wales, except the shire towne of the aforesaid countie of Mereoneth, one burgeis: And the election to be in like maner fourme and order, as knyghtes and burgeis of the parlyamente, be elected and chosen in other shyeres of this realme. And that the knyghtes and burgeis and euery of them, shall haue like dignitie preeminence and priuilege, and shalbe allowed suche fees as other knyghtes of the parliamente haue and be allowed: And the knightes fees to be leuied and gathered of the cõmons of the shire that they be elected in: and the burgeis fees to be leuied and gathered as wel of the boroughes and shire townes as they be burges of: as of all other ancient borowes within the same shire.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaid, that al and euery lay and temporall person and persones nowe beyng lordes marchers, and hauyng any lordeships marchers, or lordeships rials, shall from and after the saied feaste of all sayntes, haue all suche mynes and profites of their tenantes, as they haue had or vsed to haue at the first entree into their landes in tymes past: And also shall haue holde and kepe within the precincte of their lordships, courtis baron, Court leetes, and lawdaies, and all & euery thyng to the same courtes belongyng. And also shall haue within the precincte of their saied lordshyps or law day, wayfe, straike, Infanthef, outfanthef, treasure troues, deodandes, goodes and cattals of felons, and of persons condemned or outlawed of felony or murder: put in exigente for felony or murder: & also wreke de mer, wharfage, and customes of straungers, as they haue had in times past, and as though suche priuileges were granted vnto them

them by our ſouerayngne lo;de the kyng by poynte of charter: any thyng in this p;eſent acte to the contrary not withſtandyng.

¶ P;ouided alway, that this p;eſent acte, no; any thyng therin conteyned ſhal take away o; derogate any lawes vſages, o; lawdable cuſtomes nowe vſed within the thre ſhyres of No;thewales: No; ſhall not depryue no; take away the holle liberties of the Duchie of Lancaſter, but that the ſaid liberties ſhal continue and be vſed in euery lo;dſhip parcell of the ſaied Duchie within the dominion o; countrey of wales, as the lyberties of the ſaid Duchie be vſed in thre grounde, and not countie palantine within this realme of Englande.

¶ P;ouided alſo that this act no; any thing therin conteined do not extend no; be p;eiudicial to ony perſō o; perſons to auoide any patent lo;nt patent of any office fees annuites o; reuerciō of any office fees o; annuities to them graunted fo; terme of their life o; liues by our ſoueraigne lo;d the kyng, o; by any other perſon o; perſons, other fo; the vſyng exerciſing o; occupieng of any maner office, o; otherwiſe, but that they ſhall haue and enioye they; ſaid fees, and all other offices of conſtableſhippes, p;oterſhippes, ſtewardſhippes of leetes, lawedayes, courte barons, and other offices beynge not repugnaunte againſte this acte: And in caſe any ſuch offices be repugnaunt agaynſt this acte: that then the grauntes to haue and enioy they; fees, duryng their lyfe o; lyues: any article o; clauſe in this p;eſent acte to the contrary in any wiſe not withſtandyng.

¶ P;ouided alſo, that this acte no; any thyng therein conteyned, be not in any wiſe p;eiudiciall to the ryghte honourable Henry erle of wo;ceſter, fo; the exerciſing vſing & occupieng of the office of the iuſtice of the hole coūte of Glamo;gan, any thyng in this p;eſent acte conteyned to the contrarye in any wiſe not withſtandyng.

¶ P;ouided alſo that this acte no; any thyng therin conteyned, extend not to depryue take away o; derogate any other actes before this time made fo; the triall of treaſon murder of felonies o; acceſſaries of the ſame, commytted and done in any lo;dſhip marcher in wales, o; in the next ſhires of Englande adioynyng to the ſaied lo;dſhip marcher.

¶ P;ouided alway, that landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyenge in the ſaied countrey and dominion of wales, whiche haue benne vſed tyme out of minde by the lawdable cuſtomes of the ſaid countrey, to be departed and departable amonge iſſues and heires males, ſhal ſtylle ſo continue and be vſed in lyke fourme facion and condicion, as if this acte had neuer benne hadde no; made, any thynge in this acte to the contrarye thereof not withſtandyng.

¶ P;ouided alſo and be it enacted by auctoritie afo;eſaid, that the kynges hyghnes, not withſtandyng this acte, o; any thyng therin conteyned, ſhall haue power and auctoritie fo; the terme of three yeres next after the ende & diſſolucion of this p;eſente parlyament, to ſuſpende fo; ſuche tyme as ſhall pleaſe his grace, o; vtterly to repeale reuoke and abrogate this hole act, o;

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any parte therof from tyme to tyme, as shall stande with his most gracious pleasure, so that euery suche suspendyng repeale and reuocacion from tyme to tyme, as often as any suche case shal happen, shalbe made in writyng vnder the greate seale of Englande, and be annexed to the rolle of this present parliament, wherin this acte shalbe enrolled, and proclamacions therupon to be made in euery shire within the said countrey & dominō of wales. And that euery suche suspendyng repeale and reuocacion so to be had and made by the kynges hyghnes, shall be as good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, as if the same hadde be doone by auctorite of this present parlyamente: this acte or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrarye thereof not withstandyng.

And where by this present acte there is appoynted one Chauncerie and one eschequire at Brekenoke: and an other chancerie and eschequire at Denbigh, it is enacted by auctoritee aforsaid, that the kinges highnes from time to tyme within the terme of fiue yeres next after the ende of this parliamēt, for due ministracion of iustice in the saied countrey of wales, shal haue power and auctoritee to erect make and ordeyne suche courte or courtes, and so many courtes of record, and such and so many iustices ministers officers and clerkes, as by his highnes within the tyme of fyue yeres nexte after the ende of this present parlyament shalbe thought sufficient and cōuenient, as wel for the dew execucion of this act or of any thyng or thinges that shalbe had done or made by auctorite of the same, as for the good gouernaūce and rule of the saied countrey of wales.

Prouided alwaie, that this acte, or any thyng or thynges to be doone by auctoritee therof, shall not be preiudiciall to any person or persones, whiche nowe haue by the kynges letters patentes any office or offices of Protonotarye or clerke of the croune in the said countrey & dominion of Wales, but that they & euery of them shal and may styl haue and vse their offices, in as large and ample maner fourme facion and condicion as if this acte, or any thing to be doone by auctorite therof had neuer be had nor made: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

Prouided also that this act or any thing therin cōteined, extend not, or in any wise be preiudiciall or hurtful to syr Walter Deuireux knight of the noble order of the garter, lord Ferrers and of Chartley, of for and concerning the offices of chiefe Justice of southwales, the office of chaumberlaine of Southwales, and of the counties of Carmarden and Cardigan in southewales afore said: And of and for the office of the stewardshipp of the lordshipp of Bealth in the marches of southwales, & of & for the office of receyuorshipp of the saied lordshippe of Bealth: or of for or concernynge any of the saied offices: but that the said lorde Ferrers may haue vse exercise & enioy the said offices and euery of them, with al fees wages emolumentes commodities & profites to the same offices or to any of them in any wise belonging and appertaynynge, in as large and ample maner forme and condicion, as if this acte had neuer ben had or made.

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¶ An acte establyshyng the courte of augmentacions.
Capitulo.xxviii.

FOr as muche as in this present parliament, begon at London in the thyrde daye of Nouembre, in the.xxi. yere of the reygne of the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and from thens adiorned vnto westm̃, and there holden, and from that time continued by diuers prorogacions, vnto the fourth daie of Februarye, in the.xxvii. yere of his mooste noble reygne: and then there holden, it is enacted ordeyned and established, by the assente of the kynges maiestee, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, & by auctoritee of the same, that his maiestee shoulde haue and enioye to hym his heires and successours for euer, all and syngular suche monasteries, priories, and other relygious houses, of monkes, chanons, & nunnes, of what kindes or dyuersities of habites rules or orders so euer they be called or named, whiche haue not in londes tenementes rentes tithes pencions and other hereditamentes aboue the clere yerely value of two hundred poundes: and all the scites and circuites of all suche religious houses, and al and singular the manours granges meses landes tenementes reuercions rentes seruices tithes pensions porcions aduousõs patronages ryghtes entres condicions and other hereditamẽtes appertaynyng and belonging to euery suche monastery priory and other relygious house, not hauyng as is afore saied landes and tenementes aboue the saied clere yerely value of two hundred poundes, in as large & ample maner, as the abbottes priours abbesses prioresses and other gouernours of such monasteries priories & other religious houses then had or ought to haue had the same in the ryght of their houses. And that his hyghnes shall haue to hym and to his heires all and synguler such monasteries abbeyes and pryorees, whiche at any tyme within one yere, nexte afore the makynge of the said acte, haue ben gyuen and graunted to his maiestie by any abbotte pryour abbesse or prioresse, vnder their conuente seales, or that otherwyse haue ben suppressed or dissolued: and al and syngular the manours landes tenementes rentes seruices reuercions tythes pencions porcions churches chapels aduousons patronages rightes entrees condicions, and all other interestes and hereditamentes, to the same monasteries abbeies or priories or to any of them appertaynyng or be longynge, to do and vse therewith his and their owne wylles, to the pleasure of almyghty god, and to the honour and profite of this realme.

¶ And further it is ordeyned by the said act, that the kinges maiestie shuld haue and enioy al such ornamentes Jewelles goodes cattalles and dettes, whiche appertayned or belonged to any of the chiefe gouernours of the said monasteries or religious houses, in the right of their saied monasteries or houses at the fyrst day of marche, in the yere of our lord god .M.D.XXXv. or at any time sithen wher so euer, and to whose possessions so euer then shal

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come or be founde, except suche goodes catelles and other thynges excepted and forprised in the saied acte, as by the same acte amonge other thynges more playnely at large may appere.

¶ For the more suertie and establyshemente wherof, and to the intent that the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours shalbe yerely as wel trewely and iustely answered cõtented and paid of the rentes fermes issues reuenues and profites ryslynge commynge and growyng of the saied manours landes tenementes and other hereditamẽtes before specified, as of the good catelles plate stuffe of householde dettes money stocke store & other what so euer profite and commoditie giuen graunted or appointed to the kinges maiestie by the same, in suche courte place fourme maner and condicion, as here after shall be lymitted declared and appoynted: Be it enacted ordeined and established by thassent of the kynges maiestie, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same in maner & fourme as hereafter foloweth in artycles, That is to say.

¶ Fyrste the kyng our saied soueraygne lorde, by auctoritie aforesaied ordeyneth maketh establysheth and erecteth a certayne courte, commonlye to be called, The courte of thaucmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, whiche courte, by auctoritie aforesaied continually shalbe a courte of recorde, and shall haue one greate seale and one priuie seale to be engraued and made after suche fourme fascion and maner as shalbe appointed by the kynges highnes, and shall remayne and be ordered, as hereafter shall be declared.

¶ Also be it enacted by authoritie aforesaied, that there shalbe one certaine person to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes, which shalbe chaũcellour of the said courte, and shalbe chiefe and principal officer of the same courte and shalbe called chauncellour of the courte of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and shal haue the keppynge of the sayde greate seale and priuie seale, to be assigned for the saied courte.

¶ Also that there shalbe one persone to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shall be called the kinges Treasourer of the courte of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and shalbe the seconde officer of the same courte.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesaied, that there shalbe one persone lerned in the lawes of the lande, to be named by the kynges highnes, which shalbe called the kynges attourney of the saied courte, and shalbe the third officer of the same courte.

¶ Also that there shalbe one persone to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shalbe called the kynges Solycitour of the saied courte, and shalbe the fourth officer of the courte.

¶ Also that there shalbe ten particular auditours to be named by the kinges hyghnes, whiche shall be called auditours of the reuenues of the saied augmentacions.

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¶Also there shall be .xvii. particular receyuours, to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be called receyuours of the saied reuenues.

¶Also that there shalbe one persone to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shalbe called clerke of the saied courte: and one other persone, whiche shalbe huisher of the same courte: and one other person, whiche shal be called Messanger of the same courte, which huisher and messanger shall be named by the kynges highnes, and eyther of them shall haue suche perelye fees rewardes and profites as the huisher and messenger of the duchy chãbre of westemynster haue and perceyue.

¶Also the saied chauncellour, whiche shall be appoynted by the kynges highnes, shall take a corporall othe afore the lorde chancellour of England for the tyme beyng, after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall swere that ye wel and trewely shall serue the kynge in the office of chauncellourshippe of the augmentacions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, and shall minister equal iustice to riche and pore, to the best of your cunnynge witte and power: and that ye shall dilygently procure all thinges, whiche maie honestly and iustely be to the kinges aduantage & profite, & to the augmẽtácion of the ryghtes and prerogatiues of his crowne, and trewely vse the kinges seales appoynted to your office, and also endeuour your self to the vttermost of your power to see the kynge truly answered of al suche rentes reuenues issues and profites, which shal or may arise or growe in your office, and from tyme to tyme delyuer with spede suche as shall haue to do afore you, and that ye shall not take nor receyue of any persone any gyfte or rewarde in any cause or matter dependyng before you, or wherin the kinges highnes shal be partie, wherby any preiudice hinderance losse or dischetison shal growe or be to the kynges highnes, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶Also that the saied Treasourer shall take a corporall othe before the said chauncellour of the saied courte, accordynge to the tenoure ensuynge: Ye shall swere that ye shal wel and trewly serue the kynge our souerayngne lord and his people in the office of treasourer of this courte: And ye shall reasonably and honestely procure the kynges profite, and do ryghte to al maner of people poore and riche, in those thinges whiche touche your office, and the kinges treasure ye shall truely kepe and dispende, and true declaracion and accompt therof shall make from tyme to tyme without any concelement accordyng to this acte made for the stablyshement of this court, and further shall do euery thynge that of ryght appertayne to your office, soo helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶Also eyther of the saied attourney and Solicitour shal take a corporalle othe before the said chauncellour according to the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall swere, that ye wel & truely shal serue the king as his attourney in al courtis for & concernyng any matter or cause, that shal concerne or touch the possessions & hereditamẽtes limitted to the suruey and gouernance of this court, and procure the kynges profite therof, and that ye shall trewly councell the king & his chauncellour of this courte in al thinges concerning the same, to

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the best of your cunnyng witte and power: and with al spede and diligence from tyme to time at the callyng of the said chauncellour, ye shal endeuour your self for the hering & determinacion indifferently of such matters & causes, as shal depend before the said chancellour: And that ye shal not take any gyfte or rewarde in any matter or cause dependyng in the same courte or els where, wherin the kyng shal be partie, whereby the kinges maiestie shall be hurted hindred or disherited: and further do al and euery thing, that shal appertayne to your office, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶ Also that euery of the saied auditours shall take a corporall othe before the saied chauncellour after the tenour ensuynge: Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and trewly serue the kynge in your office and trewe allowaunce make to euery persone, whiche shall be accomprannte before you: ye shall not take nor receiue of poore or ryche any gyft or rewarde, in any matter or cause dependyng or to be discussed in the same court, but suche that shall be your ordinarie fees. And ye shall do al and euery other thynge, whiche shal appertayne to your office, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶ Also that euery of ỳ said particuler receiuours shal take a corporal othe before the said chauncellour after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall swere, that ye truly shall serue the kyng in your office, and nothyng concele, but trewe accompte make of all suche reuenues rentes sommes of money and other profittes, wherwith ye shall be laufully charged by reason of your office: ye shall make no petition nor aske allowance, but suche as shall be good iuste and true and resonable: and ye shall do all and euery thynge and thynges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourm and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and al sayntes.

¶ Also that ỳ said clerke of the counsell shal take a corporal othe before the saied chauncellour after the tenour ensuynge: Ye shall swere, that ye shall well and truely serue the kyng in your office of clerke of the counsell of this courte and truely do and execute all and euery thing and thynges, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and al sayntes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al the said monasteries priories and other religious houses, whiche be dissolued, and come, or shall come to the kynges highnes by the acte aforesaid, and all the manours meses landes tenementes rentes seruices tithes pencions portions aduousons patronages and all hereditamentes appertenyng or belongyng to any the saied monasteries priories or other religious houses, shalbe in the order survey and gouernaunce of ỳ said court, and of the officers and ministers therof: and al the fermes issues reuenues and profites comyng & growyng of the premisses or any parte therof, shall be taken and receyued to the kinges vse by the ministers and officers of the same courte, in maner and forme as hereafter shal be declared. Excepte alwais and reserued suche and as many of the same monasteries priories and houses, with all their hereditamentes possessions goodes and cattalles, whiche the kinges maiestie, by his letters

patentes vnder his great seale shall declare and lymitte to continue and be in their assencial estate, and to persuer in the body and corporacion, as they were before the makyng of the saied acte.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesaied, that al those manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, which the kinges highnes hath purchased & nowe remain in his graces handes, or in the handes or possession of any p son or psons to his vse, and which hereafter his highnes shal purchase, shal be & remain in the order survey & gouernāce of ꝑ said court, in fourme as is aboue rehersed. ¶ Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid ꝑ al giftes, grāntes releses, confirmacions, leses, letters patentes, and other writinges, whiche shalbe in the name of ꝑ kinges highnes, his heires or successours of any estate of freehold only, or any for term of yeres, or at wil or at plesure, of any manours landes tenemētes or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, which be before assigned to the order survey & gouernance of the said court, or of any rent charges, annuities, next aduoidaunce of aduousons, offices, or wardes, to be giuen letten or grāted out of the same or any part therof, or by any meanes concernyng the said courte, or any of the premisses cōmitted to the survey of the said courte, to any person or persons or bodies politike or of any office appertaynyng or belongyng to the saied courte of Augmentacion, shalbe made by the clerke of the said courte, or his deputie or deputies, and subscribed with his own proper hande and name, & sealed with the great seale, assigned to and for the saied courte. And that all and euery such giftes grauntes releses confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, and other writinges, whiche shall be made and sealed as is afore said, shall be good and effectuall in the lawe without lyuerey and seasone or attouremente against the kinges, highnes, his heires and successoures, according to the tenours purportes and effectes of suche giftes grauntes releses confyrmacions leses, letters patentes, or other writinges so to be made. And that the said Chauncellour vppon euery warraunte to be directed to him vnder the kynges signe manuell, shall haue power and auctorite to cause to be made by the saied clerke of the said court, or his deputie or deputies in due order and fourme all suche giftes, grauntes, releses, confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, or other writinges as is aforesaied, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of euery suche warraunte, whiche to him shall be directed, and to seale all suche patentes and writinges with the saied greatte seale remaynyng in his custody: the saied chauncellour and other officers to take for his and their fees, for the ensealyng and writyng of euery patente suche fee or fees as is taken by the Chauncelloure or other officer or officers of the kinges duchie of Lancaster, in lyke case. And that the saied Chauncelloure shal haue power and auctorite to take surrender of any leases or letters patentes that shall be made vnder the saied seale in his custody, and to make chancellacion of suche leases and letters patentes, that shall be to him surrendred, and cause the day time and yere of euery suche surrender to be registred and enrolled by the saied clerke of the saied courte

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¶Also the said chauncellour by the consent of the Tresourer atturney and Solicitour, or to of them, without any warrant from the kinges highnes, shall haue power and auctorite to make any woodsales in or vpon any the manours landis tenementis, or hereditamētis, limitted to the order survey and gouernance of the said courte. And shall also haue lyke power and auctoritie in the kynges name to make lesses for terme of .xxi. yeres, and not aboue, by letter patentes, to be writtē by the said clerke of the same courte and his deputie or deputies, & the name of the said clerke of the same courte as is aforesaid, and to be sealed with the said greate seale, of any of the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes afore mencioned, which be appointed, or hereafter shal happen to be in the order and gouernāce of the said courte, the said chancellour and other officer or officers, taking for his or their fees therof, as is aforesaid: And that euery leasse so to be made, shalbe good & effectual in ỹ law against the king his heires & successors, according to the tenor and effect of the same. Prouided alwey, ỹ vpon euery such leasse to be made by the said chācellour, there shalbe reserued to ỹ kiges highnes & to his heires so much yerely rent & profite, as the landes tenīs or hereditamentis cōprised in such leses, haue ben letten heretofore or more, or after suche yerely value as they shalbe certified by the kinges cōmissioners into the said court. Prouided also that no leses for terme of yeres shal be made of any reuersion, with out the kynges special warrant for the same.

¶Also the said clerke of the said courte shall enrol & regestre in a gret boke in parchement all and euery those giftes grātes releses cōfirmacions lesses letters patentes and all other writinges whiche shalbe made and graunted vnder the said great seale: and also the date tyme and yere of the surrender of any of them, whan any suche surrender shall happen, whiche regester of enrollementes, shall remaine and be safely kepte in the saied court, as a recorde to the kinges vse, by the appoyntment of the said chauncellour. And that also the said clerke shal enter in a boke the apparances of euery person that shall be called to appere before the said chauncellour: and all actes decrees and orders, that shalbe made by the said Chancellour & counsayle, taking such fees for the same, & for writing and enrolling of any giftes graun tes releses confirmacions lesses letters patentes or other writinges, as the clerke of the duchie of Lancaster hath ben accustomed to take and haue.

¶Also it is enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that vpon all and synguler letters patentes to be made vnder the gret seale of England, of any manours landes tenītes and hereditamētes, belonging or apperteyning to any of the said houses, comprised in the said act, and cōmitted to the survey of the saied court, to any person or persons or body polytike for any estate of enheritāce there shalbe alwaies reserued to the kinges highnes his heires and successours a tenure by knightes seruice in Capite, and a yerely rent of the .x. part of the yerely value of the landes to be comprised in euery suche letters patētes, according to suche rate, as the same manours landes and tenementis gyuen, shall be expressed to be of yerely value in the same letters patentes:

Any thyng or clause conteyned in any waraunt to the contrary thereof not withstanding. And that the said rent so reserued vpon any such estate, shall be contented and payed to the officers of the saied courte to the kynges vse, according as other reuenues there shal be payd. And that none auerrement shall be made or admitted by or for the kynge or any other persone, that the same manours landes and tenementes be of more perely value than in the same letters patentes shall be declared.

¶ Also the said chauncellour shall haue power and auctorite to take recognysances of euery particular receyuour, whiche shal be assigned for the said court, and of his sureties, for the sure paymente of his receiptes. And also to take recognisaunces in the kinges name of euery fermer bailiffe reue or other accomptantes, for the true payment of receiptes: and of euery persone and persones, whiche shal be endetted to the kynges highnes for any arrerages of his receipte ferme or charge, as for any other cause for and concernyng any of the premisses. And that all suche recognisances, of what summe so euer they be, shall be as good and effectualle in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes, as recognisances taken in the kynges Chauncerye, or elles where before any Juge of Recorde.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesaied, that the Chauncellour of the same courte for the tyme beyng, shall haue full power and auctorite to awarde writtes of Scire fac. vnder the great seale of his office vppon euery suche recognisances in the saied courte to be taken, if case soo require, and to holde plee vpon the same, and to awarde execucion to all intentes and purposes, as is vsed and accustomed to be done in the kinges hyghe courte of chauncerie. Prouided alway, that if any issue of triall, triable by the verdite of .xii. men fortune to arise in the pledyng of the same, that then in euerye suche case the saied chauncellour shall and maie delyuer the recorde thereof to the Justyces of the kinges benche, for tyme beyng, and there vppon the sayde courte of the kynges benche to doo euery thynge for the tryall of the same issue, as they ought to do, in case the said issue or triall had bene sent or deliuered to them out of the kinges court of chauncerie. And after the triall therof in due fourme had, and the iugement therupon giuen, the iustices of the kinges benche to haue power to awarde execution accordyngely, and the money therof cõming to be deliuered by the same Justices or clerke of the papers of the same courte to the treasourer of the said court of Augmentacions to the kinges vse.

¶ Also that the saied Chauncelloure for the tyme beyng, shal haue full powerand auctorite to awarde vnder the priue seale, appoynted to the saied courte, in the kinges name, suche processe and preceptes with reasonable peynes to be therin lymitted, as be nowe commonlye vsed in the courte of the kinges duchie chambre of Lancaster beyng at westñ, agaynste euerye person or persones, what soo euer they be, for and concernyng the interesse ryghte and tytle of the kinges maiestie his heires and successours of in or to any of the premisses lymitted to the suruey and gouernaunce of the saied

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courte: or of or for any rente accompte receite or seruices in any wyse towchyng or concernyng the same premisses or any parte of theym, for and on the behalfe of our saied soueraygne lorde the kynge, or of or for any dette rising or growyng by occasyon of the same. ¶ Also it is ordeyned by the auctoritie aforesaied, that the saied Attourney and Solycitour, shall diligently from tyme to time attende vppon the chauncellour in the said courte, for the herying and orderyng of matters and causes in the said courte: and procure with all dylygence, that all rentes fermes profites casualties emprouementes, and al other emolumentes of the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, beyng in the suruey and gouernaunce of the saied courte, shall be truely and iustely payde and answered to the treasorer of the sayde court, to the vse of the kynges highnes, without concelyng any part therof. And shal also cause and procure prócesse to be made agaynst such as shalbe indetted to the kynges highnes, and their sureties of and for any part therof from tyme to tyme, as the tyme or case shall require.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaied, that if any of the said officers appointed for the same court, do concele or withdraw willingly any rentes reuenues casualties or other goodes gyuen to the kynge by the sayde acte: that then the officer so offendyng, shall lose the double value of the thyng so conceled or withdrawen.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery of the saied particuler auditours and receyuours shalbe attendant vpon the said chauncellour from tyme to time as causes shall require. And that euerye of the saied particular receyuours shall well diligently and effectually gather and leuey to the kinges vse, all suche fermes issues and profites, as shall be limitted to his charge, and distreyn for the same, if nede so requite. And that euery of the saied particular receiuours and auditours, so ioyned together by thappoyntmente of the said chauncellour shall well and truely surueye al maner of reparacions nedeful to be done in or vpon any of the said manors landes tenementes or hereditamentes lymitted to his charge, and appoynt the said reparacions to be done to the kinges most profite and least charge. And also to surueye the wodes limitted to their charge, and what woodsales shall be conuenient to be made, and make Certificate of the premisses frome tyme to tyme to the saied chauncellour.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesaied, that all the rentes fermes issues and profites of the saied religious houses manours landes tenementes, and of al other the premisses, which be assigned to theorder surueye and gouernance of the said court, as they shall growe due and be payable, shall be payed and delyuered to the handes of the saied Treasourer by euerye of the saied particular receyuours to be saufely kepte to the kynges vse: And that euery acquitance, which shalbe subscribed with the name and hande of the saied Treasourer, made to any of the saied particular receyuours, or to any person or persons, wherby shall appere that the saied treasourer shall haue receyued of any of the saied particuler receyuours, or other person or

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persones, any of the fermes rentes issues and profites in the charge of the said particuler receyuours, or for any dette that shal be due to the kynges highnes by occasion of the premisses or any part therof: or for any sommes of money, whiche the said treasorer shall haue power to receyue to the kynges vse by reason of his office: and all other acquitaunces made by any of the said particuler receyuours to any what so euer person for the receyte of any thyng touchyng the premisses appointed to his or their charge, shalbe a good and effectuall discharge for euery of the said particuler receyuours and other what so euer persones aforesaid, agaynste the kynges highnes his heires and successours for euer.

¶ Also it is ordeyned, that the said treasorer shall yerely accompte before the said Chauncellour and suche two or mo of the said auditours, as the said Chauncellour shall appoynte. And that euery of the said particular receyuours shall yerely accompte before one of the said tenne auditours to be assigned to hym by the said chauncellour. And that euery of the said particuler receiuours for the yere to be ended at the feast of saint Michael tharchangel, shall make & finisshe his accompt before the .xx. day of Marche next after the same feast ensuyng. And that the said treasourer shall yerely fynisshe his accompte before the last day of Aprill next after that folowyng.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the said chancellour by the consent of the said treasorer attourney and Solicitour, or two of them, shall deuyde to euery particuler receyuour suche porcion as euery of them shal receiue of the said religious houses manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesaid, and shall also proporcion the said religious houses & other ỳ premisses in ten partes: & shal assigne to euery part therof one of the said ten auditours. And that euery of the said ten auditours, as they shalbe assigned, shal yerely ride to the part to him to be limitted betwene the feste of saint Myghel tharcãgel & Christmas, and take the accomptes of all baliffes reues fermers tenantes & occupiers of the manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes within the lymittes of his assygnemente.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the said auditours & particular receiuours at al times, vpon warning giuen to thẽ by the said chauncellour shal assemble togither, as well for the ordering of the saied religyous houses manours landes tenementes and other the premisses, as of the tenauntes of the same from tyme to time as the case shall require, as for the viewyng and determinacion of the saied accoumptes to be made thereof.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesaied, that all the accomptes of euery yere, to be ended at the feaste of sainct Myghel tharchaungell, as well of the saied particular receyuours bayliffes reues fermers tenauntes and occupiers of the saied houses manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesaid, as of the sayd treasorer shalbe wel & perfitly ingrossed in parchemente by the said auditours, and deliuered to the said chancellour, safely to be kepte to the kynges vse euery yere yerely before the fyrste daye of Maie nexte ensewyng the said feast of saint Myghel tharchaungel,

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vpon peyne to forfayte and lose their offices.

Also it is enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the auditours & other officers & ministers of the said courte, for the time being shal yerely perceyue and take by the handes of the said Treasorer, particular receiuours, and al other officers and ministers accomptant, al and syngular suche lyke diettes rewardes profites and commodities, as well for their attendance vpon the saied chauncellour for the tyme beyng, and for makyng of bokes declaracions and values, as for other matters and causes of for or concernyng the saied courte: and also for therpences costes and charges of the saied auditours and particular receyuours, and euery of them, yerely riding their seuerall circuites and lymittacions, in as large and ample maner and forme as the kynges auditours of his duchie of Lancaster and other officers and ministers there, do yerely perceiue receiue take and be allowed in for and aboute any suche lyke matters causes and busines. And that the saied auditours for the tyme beyng and euery of them, shall haue power and auctorite to allowe the same.

Also it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesaid, that al reparacions and buildynges, which shalbe done from tyme to tyme in or vpon any the premisses, shalbe done and made by the order and commaundement of the said chauncellour, by the consent of the said tresorer attourney and Solicitour or two of them. And that the saied Treasorer from tyme to tyme vpon his accompt shalbe allowed, as well of suche fee as shalbe lymitted vnto him for exercise of his office, as of and for all such summes of money as he shall pay to any patentee or patentees of any office fee or annuite, that shalbe granted or giuen vnder the seale of the said courte: And also of al such sommes of money as he shal pay to any other person or persons by vertue of the kinges warrat or byll assigned: And also suche summes of money, as he shalbe commaunded to pay by any byll assigned and subscribed with the handes of the saied chauncellour attourney and Solicitour or two of them, vpon such consideracions, as shall be thought conuenient by their discrections. And that the saied auditours, takynge the accomptes of the saied Tresourer, or of any of the said particular receyuours, shal haue power and auctorite to allowe to the Treasourer the premisses and euery part therof, and also to allowe to euery particular receiuour and other accomptantes, as wel their fees & wages, and al other such sūmes of money, as they or any of them shal pay for in and about any buildinges or reparacions, as al other honest and resonable peticions and allowaunces, in as large and ample maner, and after suche forme facion and condicion, as the kynges auditours of his duchie of Lancaster do may do and haue be accustomed to do without any bil or warrant to be sued for the same.

Also it is enacted by auctorite aforesaied, that all maner of proces that shalbe made out of the kynges escheker to or against any person or persons for any fermes rentes issues or profittes concernynge the premisses or any part therof, limitted by this act to be in the survei order & gouernance of the

saied court and the ministers therof, shalbe clerely void and of none effecte.

¶ Also it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Chancellour & treasorer shal yerely declare to the kynges hyghnes the state of the clere yerely value of the said houses, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, pencions, porcions, tithes, and other hereditamentes, and howe where and to whome they be employed, and what remaynethe thereof in the handes of the saied Treasourer.

¶ Prouided alwey and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that al such manours mesuages landes, tenementes rentes reuercions & other hereditamentes, whiche in any maner wise shal come to or be in the handes or possession of our said souereign lord the kyng his heires or successours by auctoritee of the said former acte of parlyamente, set lyeng and beyng as well within the countie palantine of Lancaster, as all other manours landes tenementes rentes reuercions and hereditamentes, with their commodities & appurtenances, set lieng and being within this realme of England, wales, or eyther of them, out of the saied countie palantine, whiche be or were apperteinyng or belongyng vnto the saied monasteries or any of them, whiche were of the foundacion of oure saied souereygne lorde, or of any of his right noble progenitours, as duke or dukes of Lancaster, maie at the free wyll lybertie and pleasure of our said souereigne lorde be assigned lympted and appoynted vnto the order surueyinge receite lettyng and setting of the Chauncellour and officers of his said Duchy of Lancaster, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the saied chauncellour and officers of the said duchie haue vse and exercise at this present time of or vppon and in any manours, landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, appertenyng or in any wise belongyng vnto the said duchie: This act or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

God saue the kynge

ANNO. XXVIII.

HENRICI

VIII.

ACTES MADE IN THE parliament begõne and holden at Westñ, the. VIII. daye of June, in the. XXVIII. yere of the reygne of our most dread soueraine lord kyng HENRY the. VIII. and there continued and kepte tyll the dissolution of the same parliament the. XVIII. of July, to the honour of God, and for the common weale and profyt of this realme.

THO. BERTHELET REGIS IMPRESSOR EXCVDEBAT,

CVM PRIVILEGIO.

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FINIS TABVLAE.

¶ An acte that felons abiuringe for pety treason, murder, or felony, shall not be admytted to the benefyte of theyr clergie. Capi.i.

WHere in the laste parliament begonne and holden at London, the third day of Nouembre, in the.xxi. yere of the kinges moste gratious reygne, and from thens adiourned to Westmynster, and there holden and continued by diuers and sondry prorogations, It was enacted amonges other thynges, that such persone and persones, which dyd flee or resorte to any paryshe church, cimitory, or other lyke halowed place for tuition of his lyfe, by occasion of any murder robberye or other felony by the same person committed, and therupon confessed any murder felony or other offence before a crowner: for the whiche the same persone by the lawe of this realme afore that tyme vsed, shulde abiure and passe out of this realme, shulde be dyrected by the crowner to take his abiuratyon to any one saynctuary, being within this realme, which the same person wold electe and chose, there to remayne as a saintuary man abiured, duringe his naturall lyfe. And if after such abiuration, any person so abiured, came out of the same saynctuarye, to the which he was assygned, and be taken without the same saynctuary, not haupnge the kinges speciall pardon or licence so to do, that then euery such persone abiured, and after abiuration taken without saynctuarye, wherunto he was assigned, shuld suffre lyke peyne of deathe, and after lyke maner shuld be ordered, as he shuld haue done and biden, in case he had abiured this realme for murder or felony, and after such abiuration had returned agayne into this realme, contrarye to ỹ lawes of this land. And it was further ordeined by the same acte, that if any such saynctuary persone so abiured, or any other persone or persones, which then were, or at any tyme after shuld happen to be in any sainctuary of this realme, for doinge of any pety treason murder or felonye, or for being accessarye to any such offences: or if any persone or persons, which at any time after the making of the same acte, shuld take any sayntuary of this realme for any pety treason murder or felony, or for beinge accessary to any such offences, or vpon abiuration: and so being in sainctuary for any such cause matter or offence, afterward cõmit any pety treason murder or felony within the same sainctuarie, or be accessarie to any such offences, or goo oute of the same sainctuarie, and cõmytte any petye treason, murder or felonye, or be accessary to any such offences, and afterward come again to the same sainctuarie, or take any other sainctuarie for the same: that euery such person and persons, beinge indited for any of the said causes or offences, shuld lose the priuilege of the saintuary by him taken, and of euery other saintuary within this realme for any such cause of pety treason, murder, felony, or abiuration, or for any accessary to any suche offences.

Abiuration

Saintuary

¶ And it was further ordeyned by the same acte, that all forteine pleas, triable by countrey, whiche shulde be pleded by any person or persons attay-

ned vpon any inditement for any pety treason, murder, or felonye, shuld be tried before the same Justices, afore whom such personnes shuld be arrayned, and by the same iurours of the countie, that shal trie the petye treason murder or felony, without any further respite or delate, And that no person arrayned for any pety treason, murder, or felony, shulde be admitted to any peremptorye challenge aboue the noumbre of .xx. which acte was made to endure to the ende of the nexte parliament, as by the said act amonges diuers clauses & prouisions conteined in the same more plainely is expressed.

Challenge

¶ And where also in the same parliamēt it was enacted, that no person or persons, which shuld happen to be founde guilty after the lawes of this realme, for any maner of petye treason, or for any wilfull murder of malice prepensed, or for robbinge of any churches, chapelles, or other holie places, or for robbyng of any personne or personnes, in theyr dwellinge houses or dwellinge place, the owner or dweller in the saide house, his wife, his children, or seruauntes then beinge within, and putte in feare and dreade by the same: Or for robbing of any person or persons in or nere about the highe wayes, or for wilfull bourninge of any dwellinge houses or bernes, wherin any corn or graine shal happen to be: nor that any person or persōs, being founde guilty of any abbettement, procurement, helpinge, mayntayning, or counsaylinge of or to any such petie treason, murders, or felonies, shuld be admitted to the benefyte of theyr clergye (suche as be within holy orders, þ is to saye, of the orders of subdeacon or aboue, all onely except) with many other clauses and prouisions conteined in the said acte, as by the same acte more playnely appereth: which acte was also made to cōtinue and endure to the laste daye of the nexte parlyament.

Benefyte of clergy.

¶ And where also in the same parliamēt it was further enacted, that euery such persone and persons, which shulde happen to be indited of any pety treason, wilfull burninge of houses, murder, robberie, or burgulatye, or other felonye, accordinge to the tenour and meaninge of the said estatute nexte aboue rehersed, and therupon arraigned, dydde stande muet of malice, or froward minde, or challeng peremptorie aboue the numbre of .xx. or els will not answere directely to the same inditement and felony, wherupō they shal be arrayned: that then euery suche person and persones, shuld lose the benefite and priuilege of theyr clergie.

Standynge muet.

¶ AND IT WAS ALSO ORDEYNED by the same acte, that if any person or persones, be indited and founde guilty for stealing of any goodes or cattelles, in any countie of this realme, or beinge indited, stande muet of malyce, or chalenge peremptorie aboue the numbre of .xx. personnes, or will not aunswere directely to the lawe, shuld also lose the benefite of theyr clergie, in like maner and fourme as they shulde haue doone, if they hadde be endyted, arrayned, and founde gylty in the same countie, where the same robberie or burgulary was doone, if it shall appere to þ Justices, by euidence or examination, that the saide felons or robbers arayned afore them, shuld or ought to haue loste theyr clergie by force of the said estatute

in case

in case they hadde be founde gyltie of the same felonies or burglaries, in the same shyre where they were committed, as by the sayde acte amonges other thinges more at large is expressed.

¶ And where also in the sayde parlyament it was further ordeyned, that the detestable vice of buggery, committed with mankynde or beaste, shoulde be felony, and that the offenders therin shulde lose the priuilege of theyr clergy: whiche acte was made to endure to the laste daye of the nexte parlyamente, as by the same acte amongeste other thinges it appereth more at large. For as moche as the sayde actes, be beneficiall and profitable for the common welthe of this realme, Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this present parlyamente, that the sayde actes and euery of theym, and all clauses and prouisions conteyned in the same, shall stande in full strengthe and vertue, and from henceforthe to continue and endure vnto the last daye of the nexte parlyament.

Buggery. Felony.

¶ And also be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that suche as be within holy orders, shall from henceforth stande and be vnder the same peines and daungers for the offences conteyned in any of the sayde statutes, and be vsed and ordered to all intentes and purposes, as other persons not beynge within holy orders: Any prouision or exception specified in any of the sayd actes, or any other vsage or custome of this realme to the contrary therof not withstanding. This acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

Orders.

¶ An acte for continuing of two statutes made in the last parlyament touchynge suche as go awaye with caskettes, iewels, goodes, or plate of theyr maysters. Cap. ii.

WHere in the laste parlyamente begonne and holden at London, the third day of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of the kinges mooste gracious reygne, and from thense adiourned to Westmynster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogations vnto the dissolution therof, it was ordeined & enacted amongest other thinges, that yf any seruauntes, to whome any caskettes iewels money goodes or catalles, shulde be deliuered to kepe by his or theyr maisters or maistresses, doo go awaye with the saide caskettes, iewels, money, goodes, or catalles, or any parte therof, to the intente to steale the same, and defraude his or their saide maister or maystres therof, contrary to the truste and confidence to him or them putte by his or their saide maisters or maistresses: Or elles being in seruyce without assente or commaundemente of his saide maister or maystres embesile the caskettes, iewelles, money, goodes, or cattalles, of his said maister or maistresse, or any parte therof, or otherwyse conuerte the same to his owne vse, with lyke purpose to steale, than if the saide caskets, iewels, money, goodes, or cattalles, that any suche seruaunte shall go awaye with or whiche he shall embesyle with pourpose to steale it (as is afore sayde) be of the

Seruantes. Caskettes. Iewels.

Embesling.

value of .xl.s. or aboue: that then the same false fraudulent and vntrewe acte and demeanour should from henseforth be demed and adiudged felony. And that he or they so offendyng, should be punished as other felons be punished for felony committed by course of the common lawe, whiche acte was then made to endure to the next parliament.

Felony.

¶ And where also in an other acte made in the sayde parlyament, it was enacted, that if any seruaunte for the tyme beyng in seruyce with any person or persons, happen to steale, or felonously take awaye any iewels money plate or other goodes or cattalles of his maister or maystresse: or if any seruaunt, to whome any caskette iewels money goodes or cattalles were delyuered by his mayster or maystresse. and goo awaye with the sayde casket money goodes or cattalles, or any parte therof, contrarye to the truste and confydence to hym or theym putte: or withoute the assente or commaundemente of his sayde mayster or maistresse embesile any caskette, iewelles, money, goodes, or cattalles, or any parte therof, or otherwyse conuerte the same to his owne vse, with pourpose to steale it, if the sayde caskette, money, iewels, goodes, or other cattalles, be of the value of .xl.s. or aboue: that then the offendour in suche case should lose the benefitte of his clergye, and the priuilege of al sanctuaryes, as by the sayde seuerall actes more playnly appereth. For as moche as the sayd actes be thought necessary for the common welth of this realme, Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament, that the same actes, and euery of theym, and al and euery clause article and prouiso therin conteyned, shall from henseforth stand good & endure and continue for euer.

Benefite of clergy.

Sanctuary.

An acte gyuynge the kinges hyghnes auctorite newly to allotte the townes hyppes in the shyres and marches of wales, at any tyme within three yeres next ensuynge. Cap. iii.

WHere in the parlyamente begonne and holden at London the thyrde daye of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of the reygne of oure moost dread soueraygne lorde kynge Henry the .viii. and from thense adiourned to Westmynster, and there holden and continued by dyuers prorogations vnto the .iiii. daye of Febuarye, in the .xxviii. yere of the reygne of our sayde soueraygne lorde, and then and there holden and continued vnto the dyssolution therof, one acte and ordynance was made in the session of the sayde parlyament, holden the sayde .iiii. day of Febuarie, wherby amonges other thynges dyuers shyres and counties were newely made and named within the dominion and principalitie of wales, and dyuers townes parysshes lordeshyppes commotes and cantredes within the sayde dominion and principalitie, were allotted appoynted & ymmitted to the said seuerall shires and counties, as by the same act more plainly and particularly amonges other thinges appereth. And for as moche as by credable information it is commen to the kinges knowledge sythens the makinge of the sayde acte, that some lordeshyppes, townes, parysshes, commotes

Shires newly made in wales.

motes, hundredes, and cantredes, be not indyfferently allotted and lympted to the shires named in the sayde acte, for the commoditie of the kynges subiectes therin inhabyted: Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this presente parlyament, that the kynges highnes (durynge the tyme of three yeres next after the ende of this present parlyament) shall haue power and auctoritie, by wrytynge vnder his great seale, to allotte appointe assygne and ymmitte to euery of the shires named in the sayde acte, suche and so many lordshyps townes parisshes hamlettes hundredes commotes and cantredes, as his mateslie by his moste highe wisedome shall thinke moste conuenient and agreable for the ease and commoditie of his louinge subiectes the inhabitantes of his sayde dominion and principalitie. And shall lykewyse haue power and auctorite to name and assygne the shyre townes in euerye of the sayde shires named in the sayde acte. And that euery suche limitation apointment nomination and assignement to be made by the kynges highnes in that behalfe, by auctorite of this acte, shall be as good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, as thoughe it had bene done and made playnely and particularly by auctorite of parliament: any thyng conteyned in the sayd acte, made in the last parliament, or any other thynge or thinges to the contrary therof notwithstandyng.

Assettyng of townshyps in Wales.

Principalitie of wales.

An acte repellyng the statute lately made for the bringing in of doulas and lockerams. Cap. iiii.

WHere in the parliament holden at Westminster the third daye of November, in the .xii. yere of the reigne of our souerayne lorde king Henry the .viii. amongest other thinges it was enacted and established, that no person nor persons, englishe nor straunger, denisen or alien, from or after the feaste of saincte Myghel tharchangel than next folowyng, shuld bryng or conuey, or cause to be conueted or brought by any maner of meanes into this realme of England, any linnen clothe, called doulas or lockerams, onles euery hole piece of doulas conteined in length fyue score elles of assise, accompted to euery elle, one inche of assise, and in bredth one yarde of assise: And euery halfe piece fyfty elles in lengthe, and one yarde in bredth of lyke assise, and al the hole piece and half piece of one goodnes in making. And also it was there enacted and establysshed, that euery hole piece of lockerams shulde be of lyke length, as the hole piece of doulas: and euery halfe piece of lockerams shuld be of lyke length as the halfe piece of doulas: and euery such hole piece and halfe piece of lockerams to be in bredth a hole yarde, lackyng a nayle of the yarde: and euery piece and halfe piece to be in lyke goodnes by all the length of the same piece, vppon peyne of forfeyture of the same doulas and lockerams so to be brought or conueyed into this realme, not conteynyng the full lengthe bredth and goodnes, or the value therof, as in the same statute more playnely at large doth appere. Wythens the makyng of whiche acte a greate

Doukes and lockerams.

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nombre of kinges subiectes, that is to saye. weauers, tuckers, spynners, dyers, and wulpikers, and many others haue bene ydell and without worke, to theyr great impouerysshynge, whiche more and more is lyke dayly to encreace, if remedy be not prouyded, for as moche as the clothemakers, whiche before the makynge of the sayde acte, were wonte to conuey theyr sayde clothes into Britaine, where the sayde lynnen clothe called doulas and lockerams is made. and from thense to brynge with theym the sayde lynnen clothe called doulas and lockeram, whiche they cannot doo sythens the makynge of the sayde acte, without daunger and forfayture of the sayde lynnen clothe, by reason that there shall noo englisshe man be suffered to carye or conuey any of the sayde clothes, called doulas or lockerams, from the parties of beyonde the sea into this realme of the length conteyned in the sayde acte: whiche wyl make the sayde cloth makers to leue the makynge of theyr cloth, to the greatte and manyfolde perylles of the kynges subiectes: Be it therfore enacted by the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall. and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctorittie of the same, that the sayde acte, made in the sayde.xxi. yere, be to all intentes pourposes and constructions in the lawe, made vtterly voyde and of none effecte. as yf this sayde acte hadde neuer ben had nor made. Neuertheless to the entent that the byers of the sayde lynnen clothes, shall not at any tyme hereafter be deceiued by the length of the sayd clothes. Be it therfore enacted by the auctorittie afore sayd, that after the feast of saynete Myghell the archangell nexte commynge, no maner of personne englysshe nor straunger, denysen nor alyen, putte to sale any hole piece or halfe piece of the sayde lynnen clothe called doulas and lockerams, onelesse there be mencion expressed vppon euery of the sayde hole piece or halfe piece of the sayde lynnen clothe called doulas or lockeram, so putte to sale, as is afore sayde, the hoole and entier noumbre of the yardes or elles, that is conteyned in euerye suche hole piece or halfe piece, vppon peyne of forfeyture of the same hole piece or halfe piece, not conteynynge the noumbre of yardes or elles, so mencioned vpon euery of the sayde hole piece or halfe piece, so put to sale as is afore sayde. The one halfe of euery suche forfayture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to hym that shall sease and wyll sue for the same by action of det, byl, plaint, informacion, or otherwyse in whiche action, suite, or informacion, no wager of lawe nor essoyne shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned, be not preiudiciall ne hurtefull to any person or personnes, that before the fyrst day of this parlyamente, hath made any seaser, or putte in any informacion, in to any of the kynges courtes, for any maner of forfayture, doone or committed by any person or personnes, contrarye to the sayde estatute, made in the saide thyrde daye of Nouembre, the.xxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lorde kynge Henry the eyght.

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¶ In acte for auoydinge of exactions taken vpon prentices in the cities boroughes and townes corporate. Cap. v.

WHere in the parliament begonne at London the third day of Nouembre, in the.xxi. yere of the reigne of our moste dread soueraigne lorde king Henry the. viii. and from thens adiourned and prorogued vnto westminster, the.xvi. day of January, in the.xxii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne lorde, and there then also holden. It was & is recited, that where before that time it was established & enacted in the .xix. yere of our late soueraigne lorde king Henry the. vii. that no maister wardeynes and felowship of crafftes, or any of them, nor any rulers of the gyldes or fraternities shuld take vpon them to made any actes or ordinaunces, ne to execute any actes or ordinaunces by thé before that time made, or then hereafter to be made, in disheritance or diminutiõ of ỹ prerogatiue of the king, nor of other, nor against the cõmon profite of the people: but if the same actes or ordinaunces were examined or approued by the Chancellour, treasorer of England, or chief iustice of either bench, or thre of thé, or before the Justices of assise in their circuite or progres, in ỹ shire where such actes or ordinaunces be made, vpon peyn of forfaiture of.xl.li. for euery time that they do the contrary, as more plainely in the said acte doth appere. Wyth which tyme diuers wardens and felowships haue made actes & ordinaunces, that euery prentice shuld pay at his first entre in their common hall to the wardens of the same felowship, somme of them.xl.ſ. some. xxx.ſ. some xx.ſ. some.xiii.ſ.iiii.d. some.vi.ſ.viii.d. som.iii.ſ.iiii.d. after their owne sinister mindes and pleasure, contrary to the meaning of the said act, made in the said.xix. yere of the reigne of the said late kinge Henry the. vii. and to the great hurte of the kinges true subiectes, putting their children to be prentises. It was therfore in the said parliament, holden at westminster in the said.xxii. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the. viii. established and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, by the aduise of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the cõmons in the same parliament assembled, & by the auctorite of the same, that no maister wardeines or felowships of crafftes, or maisters, or any of them, nor any rulers of fraternities, shulde take from thensforth of any prentice or of any other persõ or persons for ỹ entre of any prentice into their said felowship, aboue the some of.ii.ſ.vi.d. nor for his entree whan his yeres and terme is expired and ended, aboue iii.ſ.iiii.d. vpon peyne of forfaiture of.xl.li. for euery time that they doo to the contrary, the one halfe to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe to the partie that therfore shall sue by action of dette information or otherwise, and that in the action afore saide no protection or essoyne shalbe allowed: As by the same act amonges other thinges therin conteyned more playnely may appere. Wythen whiche sayde seuerall actes established and made (as is afore saide) diuers maisters wardeines and felowshippes

wardeins & felowshyps.

Apprentices.

Fraternities

felowshippes of craftes, haue by cautel and subtil meanes compassed and practised to defraude and delude the said good and holsom statutes, causinge dyuers prentises or yonge men immediatly after their peres be expyred, or that they be made free of their occupatiõ or felowship, to be sworne vpon the holy Euangelist at their first entre, that they ne any of thẽ after their peres or terme expired, shall not set vp or open any shoppe house nor sellar, nor occupie as freemen, without the assent and licence of the maister wardens or felowshippes of their occupations, vpon peine of forfaitinge their freedome, or other like penaltie. By reason wherof the said prentices & iourney men be put to as moch or more charges therby then they before time were put vnto for the obteininge and entering of their fredom, to the great hurt and impouerishement of the saide prentices and iourney men, and other their frendes. For remedie wherof be it now, by the auctoritie of this present parliament established, ordeined, and enacted, that no maister wardens or felowshippes of craftes, nor any of them, nor any rulers of fraternities gildes or brotherhedes frõ henceforth cõpel or cause any prentice or iourney mã by oth or bond heretofore made or hereafter to be made, or otherwise, that he after his apprentishipp or terme expired, shall not set vp nor kepe any shop house or sellar, nor occupie as a free man without licence of the mayster wardeines or felowship of his or their occupation, for and concerning the same, nor by any meane exact or take of any such prentice or iourneymen, nor any other occupieng for them self, nor of any other persons for them, after his or their said peres expired, any sum of money or other thinges for or concerning his or their fredome, or occupatiõ, otherwise or in any other maner thẽ before is recited limitted & appointed in the said former acte, made in the said .xxii. yere of the reigne of king Henry the viii. vpon the peyne to forfaite for euery time that they or any of them shal offend contrary to this acte. xl. li. The one half therof to the king our soueraygne lorde, & the other half to the partie that wil sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes, by actiõ of det, informatiõ, or otherwise: in which suite or action no protectiõ nor essoine shalbe allowed for the partie defendant.

Iourney mã.

An acte for continuance of the statutes for beggers & vacabundes and against conueyaunce of horses and mares out of this realme, ageinst Welshe men making affrayes in the counties of Herff. Glouc. and Salop, and against the vice of buggery. Cap. vi.

WHere in the parliament begonne at London the third day of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dred soueraigne lorde king Henry the .viii. and from thense adiourned to westmynster, and there holden and continued by prorogation vnto the .xvi. day of Januarie in the .xxii. yere of our saide soueraine lord, it was then in that session of the said parliament, an acte made and established, declaring and concerning

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as well how aged, poore, and impotent persōnes, compelled to lyue by almes shoulde be ordered, as howe vacabundes and myghty strong beggers shuld be whipped and punished: whiche acte was then made to endure and continue vntyll the last daye of the nexte parliament. And where also in the said session of the sayd parliament, one other acte was made for the restraint of carieng and conueyinge of horses and mares out of this realme, whiche acte was also made to continue and endure to the last daye of the nexte parlyament, as by the said two seuerall actes more plainly appereth. And where also at the sayde parliament continued and proroged vnto the thyrde day of Nouembre, in the.xxvi.yere of the reygne of our sayde soueraygne lorde, it was then in that session of the sayd parliament, an other acte made and established, for punyshement of welshemen, attemptynge assaultes or affrayes vpon any the inhabitauntes of Herefordе, Glouceſtre, Shropshyre, whiche acte was also made to endure vnto the last day of the next parlyament, as by the sayde acte more plainely appereth. And where also in the sayd parlyament, contynued and prorogued vnto the.xv.daye of January, in the.xxv yere of our sayde soueraigne lord, it was then in that session of the sayd parlyament one other acte made and establyshed for punishement of the vyce of buggery, declarynge suche offence to be felony, whyche acte was than also made to endure to the last daye of the next parlyament, as by the sayde acte more plainely appereth. For as moche as the sayde.iiii.seuerall actes be benefictall and profitable for the common weale of this realme, Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the said.iiii. actes and euery of them, and al clauses, articles, and prouisions therin conteined, shall from henceforth be obserued and kept, and continue and endure vnto the last day of the nexte parlyament.

Hagabundes

Horses and mares.

Welshemen.

Buggery.

¶ An acte for the establyshement of the succession of the imperiall crowne of this realme. Capi. vii.

IN their most humble wyse shewen to your moste royal maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and al other your louynge and obedyente subiectes, the commons in this your most high court of parliament assembled, that where in your laste parliament, begonne and holden at London the thirde daye of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of your mooste gracious reygne, and from thens adiorned to Westm̃, and there holden and contynued by dyuers and sundry prorogations vnto the.xv. daye of January, in the xxv.yere of your mooste noble reygne, and than there holden, It was made and ordeyned an acte concernynge amonges many thynges, as wel for ratification and confyrmation of your maryage, than hadde and solempnyzed betwene your hyghnes and the late lady Anne Boleyne Marques of Pembroke, as for the lymitation of the successiō of your imperial crowne of this realme, to the issue of your body begoten & to be begoten of the body of the

Lady Anne Bolleyne.

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sayde ladye Anne, with diuers remaynder ouer for defaute of suche issue, as in the said acte playnely & particularly more at large is expressed and mencioned. And where also by the sayde acte it was ordeyned and establysshed,

Othe. that all and syngular your subiectes shuld take a corporal othe for the fulfyllynge, mayntaynynge, and defendynge, the hole effectes and contentes of the sayde acte. And it was further ordeyned by the sayde acte amonges other thinges, that if any person or personnes, subiecte or resiant within this realme, or within any your gracis dominions, after the fyrst daye of May than nexte ensuynge, by wrytynge, pryntе, dede, or acte procured or dyd, or caused to be procured or done any thyng or thynges to the preiudice, sclaunder, dysturbance, or derogation of the sayd matrymony, solemnised betwen your maieste and the sayd lady Anne, or to the peryl, sclaunder, or disherison of any the issues and heyres of your hyghnesse beynge lymytted by the same acte to inherite & to be inheritable to the crowne of this realme, wherby any suche issues or heires of your hyghnes myghte be destroyed, disturbed, or interrupted in bodye or title of inheritance to the crowne of this realme, as to them is lymytted in the same acte: that than euery suche person and personnes, and theyr aydours, counsaylours, maynteynours, and abettours, and euery of them, for euery suche offence, shoulde be adiudged hyghe traytours, and that euery suche offence, shuld be adiuged high treason. And the offendours and their aydours, counsaylours, maynteynours, and abettours, and euery of them, beynge lawefully conuycte of suche offence by presentment, verdicte, confession, or processe, according to the customes and lawes of this realme, shulde suffre peynes of death, as in cases of hyghe treason: as in the said acte amonges many other articles, clauses, and prouisions, is more at large mencioned and specified.

¶ AND also in the sayd parlyamente holden at Westmynster by prorogation in the thyrde daye of Nouembre, in the .xxvi. yere of your mooste noble reygne, an other acte was made for declaration and ratification of the sayd othe, whiche dyuers of your subiectes then hadde taken, and all your subiectes after that were bounde to take for due obseruation of the sayd acte of

Succession. the sayde Succession, as by the same acte amonges other thinges is also specified and expressed. And all be it moste dradde soueraygne lorde, that the sayde actes were thenne made, as it was then thoughte by your maieste, nobles and commons, vpon a pure perfite and clere foundation, thinkynge the sayde mariage then had betwene your highnes and the sayd lady Anne in theyr consciences to haue ben pure sincere perfite and good, and so was reputed, accepted, and taken in the realme, tyll nowe of late, that god of his infinite goodnes (frome whom noo secrete thynges canne be hydde) hath caused to be broughte to lyghte euidente and open knowledge, as well certayne, iuste, treiwe and lawefulle impedimentes vnknowen at the makynge of the sayde actes, and sithen that time confessed by the sayde lady Anne, before the mooste reuerende father in god Thomas Archebysshoppe of Canturburye, Metropolytane and prymate of all Englande, sytynge

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iudicially for the same: by the which plainely appereth, that the said mariage betwene your grace and the said lady Anne, was neuer good nor cõsonante to the lawes, but vtterly voyde and of none effecte. By reasõ wherof, your highnes was & is lawfully deuorced and seperated from the bõdes of the said mariage in the lyfe of the said ladye Anne. And this not withstanding moste gracious soueraine lord, the lady Elisabeth your doughter, beinge borne vnder the said vnlawfull mariage, by vertue and auctorite of ỹ acte of your successiõ aboue remẽbred, for lacke of heires males of your body, shuld immediately succede as your lawful heire in ỹ most roial estate of your imperiall crowne of this realme, gainst all honour equitie reason and good conscience, if remedy shuld not be prouided for ỹ same. And ouer this most dradsouerayne lorde, al be it that your maiestie not knowing of any lawful impedimẽtes, entered into ỹ bondes of the said vnlawful mariage, & auanced ỹ same lady Anne to the honour of the soueraine estate of quene of this realme: yet neuer the lesse she inflamed with pride & carnal desires of her body, putting a part ỹ drede of god and excellent benefites receiued of your highnes, confederated her selfe wt George Bolein late lord Rocheford, her naturall brother, Henry Norreis esquier, Fraunces weston knight William Bereton esquier, gentilmen of your priuie chaumbre, & Marke Smeton Grome of your said priuie chaumbre, & so being confederated, she and they moste traiterously cõmytted and parpetrated diuers detestable and abhominable treasons, to the moste fearefull perill and daunger of the distruction of your most roiall person, and to the vtter losse dishertison and desolation of this realm, if god of his goodnes had not in due tim brought theyr said treasons to light: for the which being palinely and manyfestely proued, they were conuicte & atteinted by the due course and order of your cõmon lawes of this realme, and haue suffered accordynge to theyr merytes, as by the recordes therof more at large maye appere.

And al be it most gratious and most dred soueraine lorde, diuers & sondry honourable iust true and resonable clauses be conteyned & expressed in the said act, made for the establishement of your succession, which be verye necessary and profitable for the common welthe of this realm: yet neuer ỹ les bycause certaine articles & clauses conteined in the same, concerninge the ratification of your said vnlawfull mariage, betwene your highnes & the said ladye Anne, and the limittation of your succession to the issues of your body had by the saide lady Anne, & the othe expressed and mentioned in bothe the actes aboue remembred, for the defending and maynteinynge the holle effectes and contentes of the saide acte, whiche clauses and artycles be nowe become of late so dishonourable, and soo far distaunte from the due course of your common lawes of your realme, and also so moche agaist good reason equitie and good conscience, that they can not be sustened nor tollerated to continue & endure without greatte perill of dyuision hereafter to be hadde by occasion of the same, amõges vs your said moste humble louinge and obedient subiectes & our posterities. It may therfore

pleaſe youre highnes of youre moſt excellent and accuſtomable goodnes, and
for the entier loue fauour & harty affection, that youre maieſtie hath alwais
borne and beareth to the cõmon welthe of this youre realm, and for the con-
ſeruation of the good peace vnitie and reſte of vs youre mooſte bounden, &
obediente ſubiectes, and of youre ſaid poſteritie, that it maye be enacted by
auctorite of this preſent parlyamente, that the ſaid two actes and euery of
them, and al clauſes articles and prouiſions therin conteyned, from ỹ firſte
daye of this preſent parliament, ſhall be repealed, adnulled, and made fru-
ſtrate, and of none effecte.

Repele. ¶ Prouyded alwaye, that the ſaide repeal e and adnullaion of the ſayde
acte, which was made for the eſtablyſſhemente of youre ſucceſſion, ſhall not
be taken erpounded nor vnderſtand, to diſcharg any perſone or perſonnes,
which haue done or committed any offences of treaſon, or miſpriſion of tre-
ſon, contrary to the ſame acte, or any parte therof, at any time afore ỹ firſte
daie, of this preſente parliamente: but that ſuche offences of treaſon and
miſpriſion of treaſon, done and committed by any perſonne or perſonnes,
contrary to the ſame acte, afore the firſte daye of this preſent parliamente,
ſhall be and remaine in the ſame degree & qualitie to be puniſſhed by auc-
torite of the ſame acte, as if the ſame acte hadde not ben repealed: the re-
peale and adnullation of the ſame acte by auctorite of this preſent parly-
amente in any wyſe not withſtandinge. Neuer the leſſe the kynges mooſte
royall maieſtie, mooſte gratiouſe ye conſyderynge, that diuers and manye
of his mooſte louynge and obedyente ſubiectes nowe lately afore the be-
gynnynge of this preſente parlyamente, haue ſpoken, doone, practyſed,
procured, and attempted, as well by wordes wrytynge and pryntynge, as
by exteriour actes, not only againſt the ſaid vnlawfull mariage, ſolemp-
niſed betwene his highneſſe and the ſaide ladye Anne, and to the preiudice
ſclaunder diſturbance and derogation therof, but alſo to ỹ perill ſclaunder
and diſheryſon of the ladye Elyſabeth the kynges daughter illegyttimate
borne vnder the ſame mariage, and to the let diſturbaunce & interruption
of the ſaid ladye Elyſabeth to the title of the crowne: and alſo to depriue ỹ
ſaid lady Anne late Quene, and the ſaid lady Elyſabeth, and euery of the
of theyr dignitie title and name of theyr roiall eſtates, contrarye to the te-
nours purportes prouiſions and ordynaunces, as well conteyned in the
ſaid acte made in the laſte parliament for the eſtabliſhement of the kinges
ſucceſſion, as in an other act made in the laſte parliament for puniſhement
of treaſons. Which wordes doynges practiſes procurementes & attemp-
tes of his ſaide ſubiectes, all be it they proceded of no malyce, but vpõ true
and iuſte groundes, for punyſhement of the ſaid late lady Anne, accordyng
to her deſertes, and for reformation of the ſaide vnlaufull mariage, for the
ſuretie of the kinges highneſſe, & for the vnitie and welthe of this realme:
yet neuertheleſſe the kinges ſaid ſubiectes mought hereafter happen to be
empeched troubled and vexed for ſuch theyr wordes doinges actes procure
mentes and attemptes, as well by reaſon of the ſaid eſtatute, made for the

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eſtablyſhement of the kinges ſucceſſion, and nowe repealed by this act, as by occaſion of other ſtatutes heretofore made for punyſhment of treaſō and miſpriſion of treaſon, to the greatte daunger and perylles of the liues landes and goodes of the kinges ſayde ſubiectes, which onely for hatty good will and faithefull obedience, that they beare to the kinges maieſtie, incurred into the ſayd dangers and peryls: The kinges highnes therfore of his moſt bountyfull mercy and benignitie is pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this preſente parliament, that all and ſingular his louynge ſubiectes, which haue ſpoken done practiſed committed or attempted, or procured to be done or attempted directely or indirectely, by wordes, writinges, printes, or any exterior acte, any thinge or thynges what ſo euer it be, againſt the ſaid mariage, ſolempnyſed betwene his highneſſe and the ſaide late Quene Anne, or for the ſettinge forthe or preferremente of the deuorce or diſſolution therof: or againſt the ſaid late quene Anne, or the ſaid lady Elizabeth, or to any of theyr ſclaunders perilles, or diſheriſōs: or haue wiſhed willed or deſired by wordes or writinges, or inuēted imagined practiſed or attempted any bodily harme to the ſaid late quene Anne, or lady Elyzabeth, or to depryue the ſame late quene Anne, or ladye Elizabeth, or any of them, of the dignitie title or name of theyr royall eſtates, or haue ſpoken done or procured to be done any other wordes writinges printinges wiſhing willinge, thinge or thinges, acte or actes, againſt the ſaide late quene Anne or lady Elizabeth, which is or moughte be demed or interpreted for treaſō, or miſpriſion of treaſon by any conſtruction vppon any of ꝑ ſtatutes of this realme heretofore made, ſhall be freely and clerely pardoned diſcharged & releaſed by auctoritie of this act of al thoſe and ſuch treaſons, and miſpriſions of treaſons aboue mencioned. And that none of his ſaid louing ſubiectes for any of ꝑ ſaid treaſons or miſpriſions of treaſon aboue mēcioned and ſpecified, ſhal hereafter at any time, by any maner of meanes be empeched vexed or troubled in theyr bodies liues lādes goodes or cattalles, any thinge in this act, or in any acte or actes heretofore made for treaſons or miſpriſons of treaſon, to the contrary therof not withſtandinge. Pardon.

¶ And that it be further enacted by auctoritie afore ſaide, that the ſayde late Quene Anne, George Boleyn, late lorde Rochefordе, Henry Norreis eſquier, Fraunces Weſton knight, William Brereton eſquier, and Marke Smeton, for theyr abhominable and deteſtable treaſons, by them and euery of them mooſte abhominably and trayterouſly committed and done againſt your maieſtie & the realme, ſhal be by auctoritie of this preſent parlyament conuicted and atteinted of high treaſon, in ſuche maner & fourme and accordingelye as they be, by the dewe courſe and order of your lawes of this realme. And that the ſaide late Quene Anne, George lord Rochefordе, Henry Norreis, Fraunces Weſton, William Brereton, and Marke Smeton, and euery of theim, ſhall loſe and forfaite to your highenes and to your heires, al ſuche theyr manours, meaſes, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuerſyons, remaynders, vſes, poſſeſſions, offices, ryghtes, condycions, Attainder of quene Anne, and other.

and all other hereditamentes, of what names natures or qualyties so euer they be, which they or any of them, or any other to theyr vses, or to the vse of any of them had or ought to haue had of any estate of inheritaūce in fee symple or in fee tatle, in vse or possessiō at ꝑ dates of their seuerall treasons, cōmitted limitted and expressed in theyr inditemente, or at any time after. Sauing to euery person & persons, and bodies politike, and to the heires assignes and successours of euery of them (other than to ꝑ said late Quene Anne, and the other traytours afore named: and theyr heires and assignes of euery of them and all and euery other person & persons claiming by thē of or any of them, or to theyr vses, or to the vses of any of them, or to the vse of any of theyr heires) all suche right title vse possession interest condicion fees offices rentes annuites commons, and all other commodities and hereditamentes, what soo euer they or any of them moughte shulde or ought to haue had, if this acte had neuer ben had ne made.

¶ And ouer this moste gracious souereigne lorde, for as moche as it hath pleased your mooste rotall maiestie, not withstandinge the great and intolerable perils and occasions, which your highnes hath suffered and sustened, as wel by occasion of your firste vnlaweful mariage solempnised betwene your highnesse and the lady Katherine, late princes dowager, as by occasion of the saide vnlafull mariage betwene your highnes and the said late queene Anne, at the most humble petition and intercession of vs your nobles of this realme, for the ardent loue and feruent affection, which your highnes beareth to the conseruation of the peace and vnitie of the same, & for the good and quiete gouernaunce therof, of your most excellente goodnes to entre in to mariage againe, and haue chosen & taken a righte noble vertuous and excellent lady quene Jane to your trewe and lawfull wyfe, and haue laufully celebrated and solemnised mariage with her, according to the lawes of holy church: Who for her conuenient yeres, excellent beautie, and pureneſſe of flesshe and bloudde, is apte (god willinge) to conceiue issue by your highnesse: whiche mariage is soo pure and sincere, without spotte doubte or impedimēt, that the issue procreated vnder the same, whan it shal please almighty god to send it, can not be laufully trewely nor iustely interrupted or disturbed of the ryghte and title in the succession of your crowne: It maye therfore nowe please your moste gratious maiestie, at ꝑ mooste humble petition and intercession of vs your nobles and commōs, assembled in this presente parliamente, as well for the clere extinguishement of all ambyguities and doubtes, as for a pure and perfecte vnitie of vs your moste humble and obedient subiectes, and of all our posterytie, that it maye be enacted by your moste gratious and rotall maiestie, by consent of vs ꝑ lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same in maner and forme as hereafter in articles ensueth.

Princes Dowager

Quenes Jane.

¶ FYRSTE FOR AS MOCHE as the mariage here to fore solempnised betwene your highnes and the said lady Katharine, late princes dowager

wager deceased, whiche afore was lawefull wyfe to your naturall brother prynce Arthur, and by hym carnally knowen, as hath duly bene proued by sufficient witnesses, at al times was is and ought to be demed and determined, to be against the lawes of almighty god, & not dispensable by any humaine auctoritie, and so hath be demed and determined, as well by the hole clergie of this realme, in both conuocations, and by bothe the vniuersities therof, as by the vniuersities of Bonony, Padua, Paris, Orleaunce, Tolowes, Angiew, and diuers other, & also by a great nombre of priuate wrytinges of many ryghte excellent well lerned men: Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliamente, accordinge as it was ordeyned and enacted in the said acte made in the last parlyament for the establyshement of your succession, that the said mariage heretofore hadde and solempnised betwene your highnesse and the said lady Katherine, which was before lawfull wyfe, to the said prince Arthur your elder brother, and by him carnally knowen, as doth dewely appere be sufficient proue in a laufull proces had and made before the said most reuerend father in god Thomas, by the sufferaunce of god archebisshoppe of Caunturburye, Metropolitane and prymate of all England, shall be by auctoritie of this presente parliament diffinitiuely clerely and absolutely declared demed & adiudged to be against the lawes of almighty god, and also accepted reputed and taken of no value ne effect, but vtterly voide and adnichiled: And that the seperation therof made by the said archebishoppe shall be good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, any licence, dispensation, or any other acte or actes going before or ensuinge the same, or to the contrarie therof in any wise not withstandinge. And that euery suche lycence, dispensation, acte or actes, thynge or thinges, had made done or to be done to the contrary therof, shal be to al intentes voide and of none effecte, and so shall be reputed and takē by and amonges al vs your true subiectes and inhabitauntes, our heires and successours of and in your realme and dominions for euer. And that the issue borne and procreated vnder the same vnlaufull mariage, made & solemnised betwene your highnes and the said lady Katherine, shalbe takē demed and accepted illegittimate to all intentes and pourposes, and shal be vtterly forclosed excluded and barred to claime chalenge or demaunde any inheryiaunce as laufull heyre to your highnesse by liniall dissent.

¶ And also for as moche as the mariage solempnised, betwene your highnes and the said late quene Anne vpō true and iuste causes was and is demed and adiudged by the said most reuerende father, to be of noo value ne effecte, and a deuorce & seperation therof hadde and made by the due order and processe of the lawes of the churche of Englande, before the said reuerende father, Be it therfore enacted, by the auctoritie of this present parliamēt, ẏ the same mariage betwene your highnes & the said late quene Anne, shall be taken reputed demed and adiudged to be of no force strength vertue nor effecte: & that the separation and deuorce therof had by the sentēce and iudgement of the said most reuerende father, shal be good & effectuall,

and soo here after shall be taken and reputed for euer by al your subiectes, theyr heires and successours. And that none appeale repeale reuocation or annullation therof, or any part of the same, shall here after be hadde taken allowed or admitted in any behalfe. And that all the issues and childrene borne and procreated vnder the same mariage betwene your highnesse and the said late quene Anne, shall be taken reputed and accepted to be illegitimate to al intentes and purposes, and vtterly forclosed excluded and barred to claime, challenge, or demaunde any inheritaunce as laufull heyres or heyres to your highnes by lyniall discent, the said former acte made in the last parlyament, for the stablyshement of your succession, or any thing therin contyned, or any other thinge or thinges to the contrarye therof in any wyse not withstandynge.

Degrees of mariage prohybyted by goddes lawes.

¶ And further more sythis many inconueniences haue fallen, as wel within this realme as in others, by reason of marieng within the degrees of mariage, prohibited by goddes lawes, that is to say, the sonne to marye the mother, or the stepmother carnally knowen by his father, the brother the sister, the father his sonnes daughter, or his daughters daughter: or the sonne to marye the daughter of his father procreate and borne by his stepmother: or the son to mary his aunte, being his fathers or mothers sister: or to mary his vncles wife carnally knowen by his vncle: or ꝑ father to mary his sones wyfe carnally knowen by his son: or the brother to marye his brothers wyfe carnally knowen by his brother: or any man maryed, & carnally knowinge his wyfe, to marye his wyfes daughter, or his wifes sonnes daughter, or his wyfes daughters daughter, or his wyfes syster.

Prohibitions of mariage.

¶ And further to dilate and declare the meaning of these prohibitions, It is to be vnderstand, that if it chaunce any man to knowe carnally any woman, that then all and singuler personnes, beinge in any degree of consanguynitie or affinitie, as aboue wrytten, to any of the parties so carnally offendinge, shall be demed and adiudged to be within the cases and limities of the said prohibitions of maryage. All whiche mariages all be it they be playnely prohibite & detested by the lawes of god, yet neuertheles at some times they haue proceded vnder colours of dispensations by mans power which is but vsurped, and of right ought not to be graunted admitted nor allowed, For no man, of what estate degree or condition so euer he be, hath power to dispence with goddes lawes, as all the clergye of this realme in the said conuocations, and the moste parte of all the vniuersyties of christendome, and we also do affyrme and thynke.

¶ BEIT therfore enacted by auctoryte afore sayde, accordynge as it is declared and contened in the said acte, made in the last parliament for the establishement of your succession, that no person or persons, subiectes or resyauntes of this realme, or in any your dominions, of what estate degree or dignitie so euer they be, shal from henseforth mary within ꝑ degrees afore rehersed, what pretence so euer shall be made to the contrary therof. And in case any person or persons, of what estate dignitie degree or condition so-

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ther they be, hath bene heretofore maryed within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, within any the degrees above reherced, and by any the archebishoppes or ministers of the church of England be seperate from the bondes of such vnlaufull mariages: that then euery suche seperation shalbe good laufull fyrme and permanent for euer, & not by any power auctoritie or meanes to be reuoked or vndone hereafter. And that the childzen proceding or procreate vnder such vnlauful mariage, shal not be lauful ne legitimate: any forayn lawes lycences dispēsations, or other thing or thinges to the contrary therof not withstandinge. And that in case there be any person or persons within this realme, or in any the kinges dominions al redy maried within any of the said degrees above specified, and not yet seperate from the bondes of such vnlaufull mariage, that then euery suche person, so vnlaufully maried, shalbe seperate by the diffinitiue sentence and iugement of the archebishops, bishops, and other ministers of the churche of Englande, and in other your dominions, within the limittes of their iurisdictions & auctorities, and by none other power or auctoritie. And that all sentences and iugementes giuen and to be giue by any archebishop bishop or other minister of the church of Englande, or in any other the kinges dominions, within the limittes of their iurisdictions and auctoritie, shall be diffinitiue firme good and effectuall to all intentes, and be obserued, and obeyed, without suing any prouocations, appeles, prohibitions, or other procesle, from or to the courte of Rome, to the derogation therof, or contrary to the acte made sithen the beginninge of the last parliament for restraints of such prouocations, appeles, prohibitions, and other procesles.

¶ And also be it enacted by auctoritie afore said, that all the issue hereafter to be had and procreate betwene your highnes, and your said most derc and entierly beloued laufull wyfe Quene Jane, shall be your laufull childzen & heires, and be inheritable and inherite, accordinge to the course of inheritaunce and lawes of this realme, the imperiall crowne of the same, with all dignities, honours, preeminences, prerogatiues, auctorities, and iurisdictions to the same annexed or belonging, in as large & ample maner, as your highnes at this present time hath the same as king of this realme, the inheritaunce therof to be and remayne to your said childzen and right heyres in maner and fourme as here after shalbe declared, That is to say.

¶ First the said imperiall crowne and other the premisses, shalbe to your maieslie and to your heires of your body laufully begoten, that is to say, to the first sonne of your body betwene your highnes and your saide lawefull wyfe quene Jane begoten, & to the heires of the body of the same first son laufully begoten. And for defaute of such heires, than to the seconde sonne of your body, and of the body of the said Quene Jane begoten, and to the heires of the body of the same seconde sonne laufully begoten, as aforesaid and so to euery sonne of your body, and of the body of the said quene Jane begoten, and to the heires of the body of euery such son begoten, accordinge to the course of inheritaunce in that behalfe.

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¶ And if it shall happen your saide moste dere and entierly beloued wife quene Jane to decease without issue male of the body of your highnes to be begoten (which god defende) then the same imperial crowne and all other the premisses to be to your maiestie, as is afore said, and to the sonne and heire male of your body laufully begotten by any other laufull wife, and to the heires of the body of the same sonne & heire male laufully begoten. And for defaute of such issue, than to your second sonne of your body laufully begoten, and to the heyres of the body of the same second sonne laufully begoten: and so from sonne and heire male to sonne and heire male, & to the heires of the seuerall bodies of euery such sonne and heire male laufully begoten, according to the course of inheritaunce, in like maner and fourme, as is aboue said.

¶ And for defaute of such sonnes of your body lawfully begotten: and of the heires of the seuerall bodies of euery such sonne laufully begoten, that thenne the saide imperiall crowne, and other the premisses, shall be to the issue female betwene your maiestie and your saide moste dere and entierly beloued wyfe Quene Jane begoten: And for lacke of suche issue, than to the heires females of your body laufully begotten by any other lawfull wyfe: that is to saye: Firste to the eldeste issue female, and to the heyres of her bodie laufully begotten, and so from issue female to issue female, and to their heires of their bodies one after an other by course of inheritaunce, according to their ages, as the crowne of Englande hath ben accustomed and ought to succede and go, in case when there is heire female inheritable to the same.

¶ And for as moche as it standeth at this present time in the only pleasure and wyll of almighty god, whether your maiestie shal haue heires begoten and procreated betwene your highnes and your said moste dere and entierly beloued wyfe quene Jane, or elles any laufull heires and issues hereafter of your owne body begoten by any other laufull wife, and if such heires shuld fayle (as god defende) and no prouision made in your life, who shulde rule and gouerne this realme for lacke of such heires: that then this realme after your transitorie lyfe shall be destitute of a laufull gouernour: Or elles parcase encombred with suche a personne, that wolde couet to aspire to the same, whome the subiectes of this realme shall not fynde in their hartes to loue drede and obediently serue as their souereigne lorde. And if your grace afore it maye be certaynely knowen, whether ye shall haue heires or no, shulde sodaynely name and declare any person or persones to succede after your decease, and for lacke of heyres of your body lawefully begotten, into the royall estate of the imperiall crowne of this realme: thanne it is to be doubted, that such person that shulde be so named, mought happen to take great harte and courage, and by presumption fal to inobedience & rebellion by occasion of which premisses greate diuision and distention maye be and is very likely to arise and springe in this realme, to the greate peryl and destruction of vs your moste humble and obedyent subiectes, and of all your poste-

posteritie, if remedie for the same shuld not be prouided. For reformation and remedie wherof, we your moste bounden and louynge subiectes, most obediently knowlegynge, that your maiestie most victoriously prudently politikely and indifferently hath mayntayned defended gouerned and ruled this realme, in good peace rest quietnes & obedience, during all the time of your moste gratious reigne, which we most hartely desire moughte continue for euer, puttinge all oure hole truste and confydence in youre highenes, and nothinge doubtynge, but that your maiestie, if ye shoulde fayle heyres of your body lawfully begotten (which god defend) for the harty loue and feruent affection, that ye beare to this realme, and for auoydinge all the occasions of diuision afore rehersed, so ernestly mindeth the weith of the same, that ye can best and moste prudently prouide suche a gouernour for vs and this your realme, as shall and will succede and folowe in the iuste and right trade of all your procedinges, and mayntayne kepe and defende the same, and all the lawes and ordinaunces established in your most gratious tyme for the weith of this realme, which al we desire, wherby we your saide moste louinge and obedient subiectes, and our heires and successours shal and may liue, as nere as may be, in as good peace vnitie & obedience after your decesse, as we haue liued in the time of your most gratious reigne. Do therfore most humbly beseche your highnes, that it may be enacted, for auoyding of all ambiguities doubtes deuisions and occasions in that behalfe, by your moste royall maiestie, by the assente of vs the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the cõmons in this your present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that your highnes shal haue full and plenar power and auctoritie, to giue dispose appoynte assigne declare and limitte by your letters patentes vnder your great seale, or elles by your laste wyll made in writinge, and assigned with your most gratious hand, at your onely pleasure from time to time, hereafter the imperial crowne of this realme and all other the premisses thervnto belonginge, to be remaine succede and come after your decease, and for lacke of lawful heyres of your body to be procreated and begotten as is afore limitted by this acte, to such person or persons in possession and remaynder, as shal please your highnes, & accordyng to such astate, and after such maner fourme facion order and condition, as shalbe expressed declared named and limitted in your said letters patentes, or by your said laste wyll. And we your moste humble and obedient subiectes do faithfully promise to your maiestie by one cõmon assent, that after your decease & for lacke of heires of your body lawfully begotten, as is afore rehersed, we our heires and successours shall accepte and take, loue drede serue and alonely obey such person and persons, males or females, as your maiestie shal giue your said imperial crown vnto by auctoritie of this act, and to none other, and holly to sticke to them as true and faithfull subiectes ought to do, to their regall rulers gouernours and supreme heades. ¶ And for sure corroboration therof be it further enacted by auctoritie afore saide, that such person and persones, as to whome it shall please your ma-

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mateſtie to diſpoſe limitte and aſſigne your ſaid crowne, and other the pre-
miſſes therto apperteininge, by your letters patentes, or by your laſte will,
as is aforeſaide, ſhall haue and enioye the ſame after your decreaſe, and for
lacke of heires of your bodie lawfully begotten, according to ſuche eſtate,
and after ſuch maner fourme facion order and condition, as ſhalbe there
expreſſed mentioned and conteyned in your ſaid letters patentes, or in your
ſaid laſt will, in as large and ample maner, as if ſuch perſon and perſons
had be your laufull heires to the imperiall crowne of this realme, and as if
the ſame crowne of this realme had be giuen and limitted to them plainely
and particularly by ſpecial names and ſufficient termes and wordes by the
full and immediate auctoritie of this your moſt high court of parliament.
¶ And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforeſaid, that if any of your hey-
res or childzen hereafter doo vſurpe the one of them vppon the other in the
crowne of this realme, or clayme or chalenge your ſaid imperiall crowne in
any other fourme or degree of diſcente or ſucceſſion then is afore ſymptted
by this act: Or if any perſon or perſons, to whom it ſhal pleaſe your high-
nes of your mooſte excellent goodnes, by auctoritie of this acte to giue and
diſpoſe your ſaid crowne and dignitie of this realme, or the heires of any
of them do at any time hereafter demaunde chalenge or clayme your ſaide
crowne of this realme, other wyſe or in any other courſe fourme degree or
condition, then the ſame ſhall be giuen diſpoſed and limitted vnto them by
your highnes, by vertue and auctoritie of this acte. Or if any ſuch perſone
or perſones, to whom your mateſtie ſhal hereafter giue or diſpoſe your ſaid
crowne by auctoritie of this acte, or any of their heires, do interrupte or let
any of the heires of your mateſtie, that is or ſhalbe begoten, borne, & procre-
ated vnder your laufull pure ſincere and vndouted mariage nowe had and
ſolempniſed betwene your highnes and your ſaid mooſte dere and entierly
beloued wife quene Jane, or any other your laufull heyres here after to be
begoten of your body by any other laufull mariage, peaſably & quietly to
kepe haue and enioye the ſaide imperiall crowne, and other the premyſ-
ſes, by courſe of inheritaunce according to the limitation therof, expreſſed
and declared by this acte, that then all & ſingular the offendours in any of
Treaſon. the premiſſes contrary to this acte, & all their abbetours mainteinours fau-
tours counſaylours and aydours therin, ſhalbe demed and adiudged high
traytours to the realme. And that euery ſuch offence ſhall be accepted repu-
ted and taken to be high treaſon, and the offendours therin, their aidours
mayntcinours fautours conſaylours and abettours and euery of them, for
euery ſuch offence ſhal ſuffre ſuch iudgement and peines of death, loſes &
forfaitures of landes goodes and priuileges of ſainctuary, as in any caſes
of highe treaſon. And ouer that as well your ſayde heires and childzen, as
euery ſuch perſon and perſons, to whom your highneſſe ſhall limitte your
ſaid crowne, in fourme as is aforeſaide, and euery of theyr heyres for euery
ſuche offence aboue ſpecified, by them or any of them, to be committed, ſhal
loſe and forfaite as well all ſuche right title and intereſte, that they may

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clayme or challenge in or to the crowne of this realme, as heires by discent, or by reason of any gifte or act that shalbe done by your highnes, for his or their aduauncement, by auctoritie of this acte, or other wyse by any maner of meanes or pretence what so euer it be.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, of what astate degree dignitie or condition so euer they be, at any time hereafter, by wordes writinge imprintinge, or by any exterior acte or dede, maliciously or willingly procure, or do or cause to be procured or done directly or indirectly, any thinge or thinges, to the perill of your moste royall person, or to the perill of the person of any your heires or successours hauing the royall estate of the crowne of this realme: or maliciously or wylyngly giue occasion by wordes writing print deede or acte, whereby youre highnes or any your saide heires or successours, hauyng the royall estate of the crown of this realme, might be disturbed or interrupted of the crown of this realme: Or by wordes writing print dede or act procure or do, or cause to be procured or done any thing or thinges, to or for the interruptiō repele or abnullation of this acte, or of any thing therin conteined, or of any thing that shall be done by your highnes in the limitation and disposion of your crowne by auctoritie of ꝑ same. Or by wordes writing print dede or act procure or cause to be procured or done any thing or thinges, to the preiudice sclander disturbance or derogation of the said laufull matrimony, solempnised betwene your maiestie and the said quene Jane, or any other your lawful wife or wiues hereafter by your highnes to be taken: Or to ꝑ peril sclander or disherison of any of the issues and heires of your highnes, being ymitted by this acte to enherite, and to be inheritable to the crown of this realme, in such forme as is aforesaid: Or to the interruption or disherison of any such person or persons, to whom your highnes shal assigne and dispose your said imperiall crowne by auctoritie of this act, as is afore remembred: wherby any such issues or heires of your highnes, or such other persō or psōs, might be distroied disturbed or interrupted in same body or title of the inheritance to the crowne of this realme, as to them is limitted in this act, in forme aboue rehersed, or as to them shalbe limitted and assigned by your highnes, by vertue ꝑ auctoritie of this acte. Or if any person or persons by wordes writinge imprinting or any other exteriour acte directly or indirectly accepte or take, iudge or beleue any of the mariages had ꝑ solempnised betwene the kinges highnes and the said lady Katharine, or betwene the kinges highnesse and the said late quene Anne, to be good laufull or of any effect. Or by wordes writing printinge or any other exterior acte directly or indirectly, sclander interrupte empeche gaynsaye or impugne the lawfull iudgementes and sentences of the said moste reuerende father in god, Thomas archebishop of Canturbury and primate of all England, for and concerning the deuorces and separations of the saide vnlaufull mariages or any of them. Or by wordes writinge print or any other exterior acte directly or indirectly, take, accepte, name, or cal by any pretence any of the children borne

borne and procreated vnder any of the saide vnlauful mariages, to be legittimate and lauful children of your maiesty. Or if any person or persons craftely ymagine inuente or attempt by colour of any pretence to depriue the kinges highnes, the quene, or the heires of their bodies begotten, or any other the heires of the kinges body laufully begotten, or any person or persons, to whom the kinges highnes shall dispose giue and limit the crowne of this realme, by auctoritie of this acte, of any of their titles stiles names degrees or royal estates or regall power. Or if any person or persons at any time hereafter, being required or cōmaunded by the kinges highnes, or by such person or persons, as shalbe auctorised by his grace or his laufull heires to make or take an othe, to answere to such questions and interrogatories, as shalbe obiected to them, vpon any clause, article, sentence or worde, conteined in this acte, do contemptuously or vtterly refuse to make or take such oth, or without frustratorie delay do not make or take the same oth: or after the making or taking such othe, do contemptuously refuse directly to answere to such questions and interrogatories, as shall be obiected concerninge the same or any part therof: that then euery such person and persones, of what astate degree or condition so euer he or they be, and their aydours, counsayllours, maynteynours and abettours, and euery of them, for euery such offence afore declared, shalbe adiudged highe traytours. And that euery such offence afore especified, shalbe adiudged high treason, and the offendours therin and their aidours counsailours mainteinours and abettours, and euery of them beinge laufully conuict of any such offence by presentment verdite confession or processe, according to the custom & lawes of this realme, shal suffre peynes of deathe, as in cases of high treason. And that also euery such offendour, being conuicte as is aforesaid, shal lose and forfaite to your highnes, and to your heires or successours kynges or regal rulers of this realme, all such manours landes tenementes rentes annuities and hereditamentes, which they had in possession as owners, or were sole seased of by or in any right title or meanes, or any other persō or persōs had to their vse of any estate of enheritance, at the day of such treasons & offences by them committed and done. And shal also lose & forfaite to your highnes and your said heires, as well all maner suche estates of freeholde and interest for yeres of landes and rentes, as all other goodes cattalles & dettes, which they had at the time of their conuiction or atteinder, of any such offence: Sauynge alway to euery such person and persons and bodies politike, to their heires assignes and successours, and to the heires and successours of euery of them (other then such persons as shall be so conuicte or atteinted, and their heires and successours, and all other clayminge to their vses) all suche righte, title, vse, interest, possession, condition, rentes, fees, offices, annuities, and commens, which they or any of them shall haue in or vpon any such manours landes tenementes rentes annuities or hereditamentes, that shall so happen to be lost and forfaite by reason of any conuiction or atteynder, for any the treasons & offences aboue rehersed, at any

Treason.

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time before the said treasons and offences committed.

¶ Be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persõs, offending in any the treasons conteined and limitted by this act, or in any other treasons, shal in any wise haue and inioy the priuilege or immunitie of any maner saincturie within this realme, or els where, within any the kinges dominiõs: but shal vtterly lose, and be excluded of the same: any vse, grant, custome, prescription, confirmation, or any other thinge or thinges to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstandinge. Saincturary.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if your maiestie shall happen to decease before any such your issue and heire male of your body, which shuld inherite the crowne of this realme, shalbe of his age of .xviii. yeres, or before that suche your issue and heire female, whiche shulde inherite the crowne of this realme, shalbe maried, or be of the age of .xvi. yeres, whiche almyghty god defend) that than the said issue and heire male to the crowne, so beinge within the age of .xviii. yeres, or your said issue and heire female to the crowne, so beinge vnmaried, or within the said age of .xvi. yeres, shall be and remayne, vntyll suche time as such issues and heyres shall come to their said seuerall ages afore limitted, at and in the gouernance of their naturall mother, and of suche other your counsaylours and nobles of your realme, as your highnes shall limitte and appoynt by your laste wyll made in writynge, sygned with your mooste gracyous hande, yf it shall be thought by your highnes moste conuenyent soo to be: or elles the sayd yssues and heyres shall be at and in the gouernaunce of suche of your counsaylours and nobles of youre realme, as your maiestie shall name and appoynt by your last wyll made in writynge, and signed with your most gracyous hande, as is aforesaide. And if any person or persons, by writynge, printing, or exterior dede or act, directly or indirectly, procure or do, or cause to be procured or done, any thinge or thinges, to the lette or disturbance of the same: that than euery such offence shall be high treason, and the offendours beinge therof conuicted, shall suffre such peynes of deathe and losse of inheritaunce, priuileges of saincturies, freeholdes, interestes for yeres, goodes, cattalles, and dettes, in such maner and fourme as is above specified in cases of treason afore mencioned. Treason.

¶ AND for the more sure establishment of the successiõ of your most royall maiestie, according to the tenour and fourme of this acte, Be it further enacted by auctoryte aforesayde, that as welle all the nobles of your realme spirituall and temporall, as all other your subiectes nowe liuing and beinge, or that hereafter shall be at their full ages, by the commaundement of your maiestie, or of your heires or successours, at al times hereafter from time to time whã it shal please your highnes, or your heires or successours to appoynt, shal make a corporal othe in ỹ presence of your highnes, or your heires or successours, or before such other as your maiestie, or your heires or successours will assigne for ỹ same, for the kepinge obseruing defending auowynge and mayntenynge of this acte, and of all thinges that shall be Othe.

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done by your hyghnes, by auctoritie therof, accordinge to the tenour of an othe hereafter ensuinge, That is to say: ye shal swere, to beare faith truthe and obedience all onely to the kinges maiestie, supreme hed in erthe vnder god of the churche of Englande, duringe his lyfe, and to his heires of his body of his most derre and entierly beloued lauful wife quene Jane, begoten and to be begotten and procreated: And further to the heires of our said soueraigne lorde, according to the limitation in the statute made for suretie of his succession in the crown of this realme, in the parliament begonne and holden at Westminster in the. xxii. daye of June, in the. xxviii. yere of the kinges most gracious reigne. And also for lacke of such heires, to such person & persons as the kinges highnes shall limitte and appoint to succede to ꝑ crown, by vertue & auctoritie of the same act, and not to any other within this realm, nor forreine auctoritie power or potentate. And in case any other othe be made, or hath be made by you to any person or persons: ꝑ then ye to repute the same as vayne & adnichilate. And that to your coumninge witte and vttermooste of your power, without gyle, fraude, or other vndewe maner, ye shall obserue kepe maynteine and defende the saide acte of succession made in the saide parliament, begon and holden at westmynster in the said. xxii. day of June, in the saide. xxviii. yere of the kinges most roiall reigne, and al the holle effectes and contentes therof, and al thinges that shall be done by the kinges highnes by auctorite of the same, and all other actes and statutes made in confirmation or for execuō of ꝑ same, or of any thing therin conteined: and this ye shal do against al maner of persōs, of what estate dignitie degree or condition so euer they be: & in no wise do or attempte, nor to your power suffre to be done or attempted directlie or indirectly any thing or thinges priuily or apertely, to the let hinderaunce damage or derogation therof, or of any parte of the same, or of any thynge or thinges, that shal be done by the kinges highnesse, by vertue or auctorite of the said act, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence, so helpe you god, al saintes, and the holy Euangelistis.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctorite afore saide, that all maner your subiectes, as well spirytuall as temporall, supnge ipuerey, or ouster le mayne, out of the handes of your highnesse, or of your heires or successours, or doynge any feylte to your highnesse, or to your heires or successours, by reason of tenure of theyr landes, shall swere the saide corporall Othe above mencyoned. And that they nor any of theym, shall here after haue any ipuereys, ouster le mayne, or restytution out of your handes, nor oute of the handes of your heyres or successours, tylle they shall haue made the saide corporall Othe, in fourme aboue rehersed. And if any person or persones, beynge commaunded by auctorytye of this acte, to make the sayde Othe afore lympytted, obstynately or wylfullye refuse that to doo, or wyll protest and saye, whan they shall be exampned vpon any interrogatories, that shal be obiected to theym, for or concernynge this acte, or any thyng therin conteined

tened, that they be not bounde to declare their thought and conscience, and stykely theron abyde: that then euery suche persone soo doynge, for euery suche offence shall be taken and accepted for offendour in hyghe treason. Treason.
And that euery suche refusell shall be demed and adiudged highe treason, and the offendour therin, beinge as afore is limitted, lawfully convicted or atteinted therof, by the lawes of this realme, shall suffre suche peines of death losses and forfaitures, and also lose priuileges of saintuaries, in like maner and fourme as is aboue mentioned, for the treasons afore limitted by this acte.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this present parliamente, that if it shall please the kynges maiestie at any tyme here after, by his letters patentes vnder his greate seale, or by his laste wyll made in wrytinge, and signed with his moste gratious hande, to auaunce any person or persons of his moste royall bloud to any title style or name, of any estate dignitie or honour, what so euer it be, and to gyue to them or to any of them any castelles honours manours landes tenemētes liberties frācheses, or other hereditamentes, in fee symple fee tayle or for terme of theyr lyues, or ꝑ life of any of them: that then al and euery such letters patentes and last wyl of his highnes, so to be made to any such person or persones of his blode, shal be good and effectuall to them and euery of theim, according to the tenour purportes and effectes of euerye such letters patentes and laste will. And that the said persone and persones, and euery of them, shall haue and enioy as well all suche titles style and names of honour dignitie and estate, whiche shall be conteyned, and expressed in any such letters patentes or laste wyll of the kynges hyghnes, as suche castelles honours manours landes tenementes lyberties francheses, and all other hereditamentes, whiche shall be specifyed and mencyoned in euery such letters patentes or last will in such maner fourme fation and condicion, and according to such estate or estates in the lawe, as shalbe expressed and limitted in euery suche letters patentes or last wyll, in as large and ample maner, to all intentes and purposes, as if the titles styles and names of honour dygnitie and estate, and the castelles honours manours landes tenementes lyberties francheses and other hereditamentes, whiche shall be comprysed in any such letters patentes or laste wyll to be made, were all redye geuen by good & sufficient letters patentes to suche persone or persons, of the kynges blode by theyr speciall names and surnames, and ratyfyed and confyrmed by auctoritie of this presente parlyamēte. Or as if the names of suche persone and persones, soo beyng of the kinges bloudde, and such titles stiles names castelles honours manours landes tenementes lyberties francheses or other hereditamentes, hadde ben specyally named and expressed in this acte, and gyuen to suche person and persones of the kinges bloude by theyr propre names and surnames, by sufficient wordes termes clauses & sentences, immediatly by auctoritie of this present parliament. Sauinge to al and euery person and persons and bodyes politike, and to theyr heyres assignes and successours Letters patentes.

other than to the kinges highnes, his heyres or successours, al such ryghte title interest possession rentes annuities fees offices comens tightes interestes petitions condicions, & all other hereditamentes, which they or any of them may or mought claime of in or to any the said titles stiles names, castelles honours manours landes tenementes liberties frācheses and other heredytamentes conteyned or mentioned in any suche letters patentes or laste wyll, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte hadde neuer be had nor made.

¶ AND BE it fynally enacted by auctoritie afore said, that this presente acte, and euery clause article and sentence comprysed in the same shal be taken, and accepted, according to the plaine wordes and sentences therin conteined, and shall not be interpreted nor expounded by colour of any pretēse or cause, or by any subtill argumentes inuentions or reasons, to the hyndrance disturbance or derogation of this act, or any part therof: Any thing or thinges acte or actes of parlyament here to fore made, or here after to be had done or made to the contrary therof not withstanding. And that euery acte statute lawe prouision thinge and thinges heretofore had or made, or here after to be hadde done or made, contrary to the effecte of this statute, shall be voyde and of no value nor force.

¶ An acte for continuaunce of the statutes againste the carryage of brasse latenne and coper out of this realme, And for making of cables and ropes: for the wyndynge of wolles, & agaynst kyllynge of weynelynges vnder the age of two yeres. Cap. viii.

Brasse, laten and copper.

Cables, hallers ropes. wyndyng of wolles. Kyllynge of weinlynges.

WHere in the laste parlyamente begonne and holden at London the thyrde daye of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of the kinges most gratious reigne, & frome thens adiorned to westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogations, vntyl the dissolution therof, it was ordeined and established amongest other thinges one acte for restrayning the carryages of brasse, latten, and coper out of this realme: And also one other acte was made in this parliament for the trewe makingeof cables hallers and ropes: One other acte for the trewe windinge of wolles: and one other act to restraine killing of weinelinges bullockes steres or hester, being vnder the age of two yeres. All whiche foure seuerall actes were made to continue and endure to the nexte parliament, as by the said actes more plainly appereth. For as moch as the said seuerall actes, and euery of them, be necessary for the common welth of this realm, be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliament, that the said foure seuerall actes, and all clauses articles and prouisions therin conteyned, shall from henceforthe be and stande good and effectuall, and to endure and contynue vntyl the laste daye of the nexte parlyament.

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¶ An act for continuance of the statutes of periurie, for making of iayles, for pewteres, and for sowynge of flaxe and hempe. Cap. ix.

Where in the parliament begonne and holden at London the thirde day of Nouembre, & from thense adiourned to westminster, and there holden and continued by prorogatiō vnto the. xv. day of Januarie, in the. xxiii. yere of the reigne of our moste dradde soueraigne lorde kynge Henry the. viii. it was then in that sessiō of the said parliament one act made and established for the atteintes to be sued for punisshemēt of periurye vppon vntrue verdictes, which acte was then made to endure to the last daye of the nexte parliament. And where also in the saide session of the said parliament one acte was made and established, for making of iayles in diuers shires of this realme, whiche acte was than made to continue and endure for one yere nexte after the ende of the same parliament. And where also in the time of the same parliament, one other acte was made concerning pewterers, which act was also made to endure to the last day of the next parliament. And also in the time of the said parliamēt one other acte was made concerning sowinge of flaxe and hempe, which acte also was made to continue and indure to the last day of th nexte parliament, as by the said foure seuerall actes more plainely appereth. For as moch as the said foure actes be good and beneficiall for the common welth of this realme, be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliament, that the said foure actes, and euery of them, and al clauses articles and prouisiōs therin conteined, shall stande continue and endure in theyr force and strengthe, and be obserued and keyte to the laste day of the nexte parliamente.

Atteynt Periury, Iayle.

Pewterers.

Flax and hemp.

¶ An acte extinguishing the auctoritie of the bishop of Rome. Ca. x.

For as moch as not withstanding the good & holsome lawes ordinances and statutes heretofore made enacted & established by the kinges highnes our moste gratious soueraigne lord, and by the hole consent of his high courte of parliamēt for the extirpation abolution and extinguissment out of this realme, & other his graces dominions seignories and contreis, of the pretended power and vsurped auctoritie of the bishop of Rome, by some called the pope, vsed within the same or elles where, concerninge ẏ same realme dominions segniories or countreis, which dyd obfuscate and wreste goddes holy worde and testament a longe season from the spiritual and trewe meanynge therof, to his worldelye and carnall affectyons, as pompe, glorye, auaryce, ambytion, and tyrannye, coueryngе and shadowinge the same, with his humayne and polytike deuises, traditions, and inuentions, sette forthe to promote and stablyshe his onelye domynion, bothe vppon the sowles and also the bodyes and goodes of all Christyan people

Byshope of Rome.

excluding Chriſt out of his kingedome and rule of man his ſoule, as moche as he may, and all other tempozall kinges and pzinces out of theyz dominions, which they ought to haue by goddis lawe, vppon the bodies and goodes of theyz ſubiectes: wherby he dyd not onely robbe the kinges maieſtie, being onely the ſupzeme head of this his realme of Englād immediatly vnder god, of his honour, righte, and pzeemynence due vnto hym by the lawe of god, but ſpoiled this his realme verely of innumerable treaſure, & with the loſſe of the ſame, deceiued the kinges louing & obedient ſubiectes, perſwadinge to them by his lawes, bulles, and other his deceiuable meanes, ſuche dzeames, vanities, and fantaſies, as by the ſame many of them were ſeduced and conueied vnto ſuperſtitious and erronious opinions: ſo that the kynges maieſtie, the lozdes ſpirytuall and tempozall, and the commons in this realme being ouerwerued and fatigated, with theyperience of the infinite abhominations and miſchefes pzocedinge of his impoſtures, & craftilie colouring of his deceites, to the great damages of ſoules bodyes and goodes, were kozced of neceſſitie koz the publique weale of this realme, to exclude that kozein pzetended power iuriſdiction and auctozitie, vſed & vſurped within this realme, and to deuyſe ſuch remedies koz theyz relife in the ſame, as doth not onely redounde to the honour of god, the highe pzaiſe and aduauncemēt of the kinges maieſtie, and of his realme, but alſo to the great and ineſtimable vtilitie of the ſame. And not withſtandinge the ſaid holſome lawes ſo made, and heretokoze eſtabliſſhed, yet it is commen to the knowlege of the kinges highnes, and alſo to diuers and many his louing faithfull and obedient ſubiectes, howe that diuers ſedicious and contentious perſones, being impes of the ſaide biſſhoppe of Rome and his ſee, and in harte, membzes of his pzetended monarchy, do in cozners & eilles where, as they dare, whiſper inculke pzeache and perſwade, and from time to time inſtill in to the eares and heades of the poze ſimple and vnlettered people, the aduauncement and continuaunce of the ſaid biſſhoppes feined and pzetended auctozitie, pzetending the ſame to haue his grounde and oziginal of goddes law, wherby the opinions of many be ſuſpended, theyz iugementes cozrupted & deceiued, and diuerſitie in opinions augmēted & encreaſed, to the great diſpleaſure of almighty god, the high diſcontentation of our ſaid moſt dzed ſouerain lozd, and the interruption of the vnitie loue charite chozde and agremēt, that ought to be in a chziſten region and congregation. Koz auoydynge wherof and repzeſſion of the kolyes of ſuche ſedicious perſones, as be the meanes and authozs of ſuch inconuenientes, Be it enacted ozdeyned and eſtabliſhed by the kinge our ſoueraigne lozde, and the lozdes ſpirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this pzeſente parliament aſſembled, and by thauctozitie of the ſame, that if any perſō oz perſons, dwelling demurring inhabiting oz reſiant within this realme, oz within any other the kinges dominions ſeignouries oz countreis, oz the marches of the ſame, oz els where within oz vnder his obeiſſance and power of what eſtate dygnitie pzeeminence ozder degre oz condition ſo euer he oz they be, after &

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laſt day of July, which ſhal be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. xxvi. ſhal by writinge cifring printing preching or teching, dede or acte obſtinately or maliciouſely holde or ſtand with, to extoll ſetforth maynteyne or defend the auctorite iuriſdiction or power of the biſſhop of Rome, or of his ſee, hereto fore claymed vſed or vſurped within this realme or in any dominion or coũtreye beynge of within or vnder the kynges power or obeyſaunce, or by any pretence obſtinately or maliciouſely inuent any thinge for thertollynge aduancement ſettyng forth maintenance or defence of the ſame, or any part therof, or by any pretence obſtinately or maliciouſely attribute any maner of iuriſdiction auctorite or preeminence to the ſaid ſee of Rome, or to any biſhop of the ſame ſee for the time beyng, within this realme or in any the kinges dominions or countreyes: that then euery ſuch perſon or perſonnes ſo doynge or offendinge, their aydours, aſſiſtentes, comforters, abbettours, procurers, maynteyners, fautours, counſaylours, concelours, and euery of thẽ, being therof laufully conuicted, according to the lawes of this realme, for euery ſuch default and offence ſhall incurre and runne in to the daungers penalties peines and forfaitures ordeyned and prouided by the ſtatute of prouiſiõ and premunire, made in the. xvi. yere of the reigne of the noble & valiaunt prince king Richarde the ſeconde, ayenſt ſuche as attempte procure or make prouiſiõ to the ſee of Rome or elſ where, for any thing or thinges to the derogation or contrary to the prerogatiue royall or iuriſdiction of the crowne and dignitie of this realme.

And to the entente that this acte at all tymes may be wel and trewly executed, and the offendours therof haue and receyue condigne puniſhement according to their demerites, It is enacted by the auctorite afore ſayde, that as well iuſtyces of aſſiſe in their circuites, as iuſtyces of peace within the limittes of their commiſſion and auctorities, or two of euery ſuch iuſticiers of peace at the leaſt, wherof one to be of the quorum, ſhall haue ful power and auctorite to enquere of all offences contemptes & tranſgreſſions, perpetrated committed or doone contrary to this acte, in like maner and fourme as they may of other offences ayenſt the kinges peace: And ſhall certifie euery preſentment afore them or any of them had or made, concernynge this acte or any parte therof, before the kinge in his benche, within xl. dayes nexte after any ſuch preſentment had or made, if the terme be then open: And if not, thanne at the firſte day of the terme, nexte folowynge the ſaide. xl. dayes, vpon peyn that euery of the iuſticiers of aſſiſe, or iuſticiers of peace, before whom ſuch preſentment ſhall be made, makynge default of ſuch certificat contrary to this ſtatute, to loſe and forfaite forty pounder to the kynges highnes. Iuſtices of aſſyſe and peace.

And it is enacted by the auctorite afore ſayde, that the Iuſticiars of the kinges bench, as well vpon euery ſuch certificat as by enquery before them ſelfes within the limittes of their auctorities, ſhal haue ful power and auctorite to here ordre and determine euery ſuch offence, done or committed contrary this acte, according to the lawes of this realme, in ſuche like maner Certificat.

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and fourme to all intentes and purpoſes, as if the perſon or perſons, ayenſt whom any preſentment ſhalbe had vpon this eſtatute, had be preſented vpon any mater or offence expreſſed in the ſaid eſtatute, made in the ſaid .xbi. yere of king Richarde the ſeconde.

Viſitations. ¶ And it is alſo enacted by the auctoritie afore ſaid, that al and euery archbyſhoppes byſhops and archedeacons within this realme, their commiſſaries, vycars generall, and other their miniſters, in euery their viſitation & Seanes. ſcanes, ſhall make diligent inſearche, enquerie, and examination of al & euery eccleſiaſticall and religious perſonne within and of their iuriſdiction, which ſhalbe ſuſpected accuſed or demed to be a tranſgreſſour or offendour of this acte. And if vpon ſuch ſerche enquirie and examination any eccleſiaſticall or religious perſons ſhall be preſented ſuſpected accuſed, or founde culpable by witnes or confeſſion, of any offence contrary to this acte, and be preſente at the time of ſuch preſentmente examination or accuſation: that then euery the archbiſſhoppes biſhoppes and archedeacons, their commiſſaries, vicars general, and other their miniſters, afore or to whom any ſuch perſonne ſhalbe preſented ſuſpected accuſed or founde culpable (as is afore ſaide) ſhall committe euery ſuche perſone ſo preſented ſuſpected accuſed or founde coulpable, if he be preſente (as is aforeſaid) to the next common iaile of the ſhyere, where ſuch enquirie examination or accuſation ſhalbe had or made, or elles by good & ſufficient ſureties, to be bounden by obligation to the kinges vſe, ſhall lette euery ſuch perſonne to bayle by their diſcretions, to appere before the kinge and his counſaile in the ſterre chaumbre at weſtmynſter, within .xb. dayes nexte after ſuche enquirie preſentment or accuſation, if the terme be then open and kepte, or elles in the firſt day of the terme nexte folowynge after the ſame enquerie preſentment or accuſation. And at the ſame day ſymitted for ſuch apparaunce, they ſhall certifie in to the ſaide ſterre chamber by writinge vnder their ſeales, as well the ſaide bonde and obligation taken for ſuch apparance, as the preſentment examination accuſation or conuiction of euery ſuch perſonne, and all depoſytions and circumſtaunces therof, and the name of the iayle, where vnto they haue committed the ſaide perſonne. And if any ſuche eccleſiaſticall or religious perſone, beinge preſented ſuſpected or accuſed in any ſeane or viſitation, be not preſent at the tyme of the ſaid ſeane or viſitation, as is afore ſaid, that then neuer the leſſe euery the ſaid archebiſſhoppes biſhoppes and archedeacens, their commiſſaries, vicars generall, and all other their miniſters, afore or to whom any ſuche preſentement ſuſpection or accuſation ſhalbe had or made, ſhall certifie euery ſuch preſentement ſuſpection and accuſation, and al circumſtance therof (as is afore ſaid) in to the ſterre chaumbre at weſtm within .xb. dayes nexte after ſuche preſentment ſuſpection or accuſation had or made, or in the firſt day of the terme next folowinge after ſuch preſentment ſuſpection or accuſation, in ſuch maner & fourme as is afore reherſed. And in caſe any eccleſiaſticall or religious perſon, being preſented ſuſpected or accuſed of any offence done or attempted contrary to this eſtatute, be therof conuicted

conuicted by confession or witnes before any archebisshoppe bisshop or archi deacon, or before any the commissaries, vycars general, or other their ministers, in their seanes or visitations, or before the kynges counsayle in the sterre Chaumbre at westminster: that then euery such spirituall and religious person, so being conuicte, shal suffre suche peynes penalties and forfatures, as be expressed in the said statute made in the saide. xxi. yere of kinge Richarde the seconde.

Ecclesiastical Iuge.

¶ It is also enacted by the auctorite afore saide, that if any ecclesiasticall iudge or visitatour, do voluntarily concele cloke hyde or colour any presentment accusation or confession, that shalbe made to hym concerning this statute, and do not certifie euery such accusation presentment or confession before the kinge and his counsayle in the sterred chaumbre at westminster, in such maner and fourme as is aboue specified in this estatute: that then euery such ecclesiasticall iudge and visitatour, so wilfully offendynge, for euery such default shal forfaite. xl. li. the one halfe therof to the kinges highnes, the other halfe to such person as will sue for the same by original wrytt bill plainte or information in any of the kinges courtes, in whiche suite no essoyne protection or wager of lawe shall be admitted nor allowed.

Willfoul.

¶ AND FOR stronger defence and mainteynaunce of this acte, it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite afore saide, that all and euery ecclesiasticall iudge, ordynary, chauncellour, commissarye, offycyall, vycar generall, and other ecclesiasticall officer or minister, of what dignitie preeminence or degree soo euer they shall be. And all and euery temporall iudge, iusticyar, mayer, baylffe, shereffe, vndershereue, eschetour, alderman, turate, constable, hedborowe, Thyrdborow, borsolder, and euery other laye officer and minister, to be made created elected or admitted within this realme or any other the kinges dompnyons, of what estate or degree or condition soeuer he shalbe, from and after the saide last daye of July, shal before he take vpon him the execution of suche office, make take and receyue a corporall othe vpon the Euangelystes, before such person or persones, as haue or shal haue auctorite to admit him, that he from henceforth shall vtterly renounce refuse relynquisshe or forsake the bishop of Rome, and his auctoritie power and iurisdiction: And that he shal neuer consent nor agree, that the bisshop of Rome shal practise exercise or haue any maner of auctoritie iurisdictiō or power within this realme, or any other the kinges dominions, but that he shall resiste the same at all times to the vttermoost of his power. And that from hensforth he shall accepte repute and take the kynges maiestie to be the onely supreme hedde in erthe of the church of England. And that to his cunninge wytte and vttermoost of his power, without gyle fraude or other vndew meane, he shall obserue kepe mayntayne and defende the holle effectes and contentes of all and synguler actes and statutes made or to be made within this realme, in derogation extirpation and extynguysshemente of the bisshoppe of Rome and his auctoritie. And al other actes and statutes made and to be made in reformatiō and corroboration of the kinges power of supreme

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preme hede in earth of the church of Englande: and this he shall do ayenste all mayer of persones, of what estate dignitie degree or condition they be, and in no wise do nor attempt, nor to his power suffer to be done or attempted directly or indirectly any thing or thinges pryuely or apartly, to the let hinderaunce damage or derogation therof, or of any part therof, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence. And in case any oth be made or hath bene made by him to any person or persones in mayntenaunce defence or fauour of the bisshoppe of Rome or his auctorite iurisdiction or power, he repute the same as vayne and adnichilate, so helpe him god all saintes and the holy Euangelistes.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctorite afore saide, that all and euery persone and persones spirituall and temporall, suyng syuere restitutions or vtter le mayne out of the kinge, his heires, or successours handes, or doynge any fealtie to his highnes his heires or successours, or whiche shall be sworne to the king his heires or successours, or that shal haue any office fee or roume of the moste gratious gifte of the kinges maiestie, his heyres or successours, or shall be reteyned in seruice with his grace his heires or successours, shall make take and receyue the saide othe. And that also all and euery religious persone, at the time of his or their profession or entree into religion, and euery other ecclesiasticall persone at the time of his takinge of ordres, and all and euery other persone, which shalbe promoted or preferred to any degree of le rnyng in any vniuersitie within this realme or other the kinges dominions at the time of his promotion or preferment, and euery of them, shall make take and receiue the said othe before his or their soucraigne, ordinary, or the commissarie of such vniuersitie.

¶ AND IT IS ALSO enacted by the auctorite afore saide, that if any persone or persones, symitted or commaunded by auctorite of this act to make the saide othe, or commaunded by any other persone or persones, auctorised by the kinges highnesse commission vnder his greate seale, or his seale ordeined for causes ecclesiasticall, to make the said othe, obstinately refuse that to do: that then euery such offence and contempt shalbe high treason, and the offenders therof being laufully conuicted, shall suffre peynes of death and other forfaitures penalties and losses, as is limitted and accustemed in cases of high treason by any lawes or statutes of this realme heretofore made. Treason.

¶ PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted, that this acte nor any thing or thinges in the same rehersed mentioned or comprised, be in any wise prejudicial hurtefull or derogatorie to the ceremonies vses and other laudable and politike ordinaunces, for a tranquilitie, discipline, concorde, deuocion, vnitie, and decent ordre heretofore in the church of Englande vsed instituted taken and accepted, nor to any person or persons accordingly vsing the same or any of them. Ceremonies.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by auctorite of this presente parliamente, that this acte, concernynge the bysshoppe of Rome or any thynge

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to be done by his vsurped auctoritie, shall no further bynde nor extende to and vppon the kinges subiectes of his yle of Jersey, Gernesey, and Alderney, in any other maner fourme or condition, than it shall please the kinges highnesse, with the aduise of his moost honourable counsayle, vppon consideration and examination of the state and disposition of his saide Iles, and the common welthe of the same hereafter to establisshe, ordeyne, and declare vnto them by his gratious letters patentes, vnder his great seale: And that the said letters patentes and euery thinge therin to be conteyned, shall be of the same effecte, strengthe, and vertue, as if they had bene passed and enacted by auctoritie of parliament, any thinge in the said acte conteyned to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

Jersey and Gernesey.

An acte for restitution of the firste fruites in time of vacation to the next Incumbent. Cap. xi.

First fruites.

FOr as moch as in the statute of the payement vnto the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours, of the firste fruites of spirituall promotions, offices, benefices, and dignities within this realme, and other the kinges dominions, expres mention and declaratiō is not had ne made, from what time the yere shall be accompted, in which the firste fruites shall be dewe and payable to his highnes, that is to witte, whether immediately from the dethe resignation or depriuation of euery incumbente, or from the time of admission or newe takynge of possession in euery suche promotion. And also by reason that in the same statute it is not declared, who shal haue the fruites tithes and other profittes of the saide benefices offices promotions and dignities spirituall, durynge the time of vacation therof, byuers of tharchebisshoppes and bisshoppes of this realme, haue not onely whan the time of perceiuynge and takynge of tithes, (that is to saye, wolle, lambe, corne, and haye, and tithes vsually payde at the holye tyme of Easter) hath approched, differred the collation of suche benefices, as haue ben of their owne patronage, but also haue vpon presentations of clerkes made vnto theym by the iuste patrones, protracted and deferred, to institute, induete, and admitte the same clerkes, to the entente that they myghte haue and percepne to their owne vse, the same tythes growinge, durynge the vacation: Soo that through such delayes (ouer and aboue the firste fruytes, which be iustely dewe to the kynges highnes) they haue bene constrayned also to lose all, or the moste part of one yeres profites of their benefices and promotions, and to serue the cure at their and their frendes proper costes and charges, or vtterly to forsake and giue ouer their benefices & promotions, to their greate losse and hynderaunce. For reformation wherof, it is ordeyned and enacted by the kinge oure souereigne lorde, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporalle, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayde

Vacation. pere, in whiche the firste fruites shall be payde to the kinges grace, shall beginne and be accompted immediately after the auoydaunce or vacation of any such benefice or promotion spirituall afore rehersed. And that the tithes, fruites, oblations, obuentions, emolumentes, commodities, aduauntages, rentes, and all other what so euer reuenues, casualties, or profites certayne and vncertayne, aptering or belonginge to any archedeaconry, deanry, prebende, personage, vicarage, hospitalle, wardeyneshippe, prouosteshippe, or other spirituall promotion, benefice, dignitie, or office, Chantries. (chauntries onely excepte) within this realme, or other the kynges dominyons, growinge, rysinge, or comminge, durynge the time of vacation of the same promotion spirituall, shall belonge and appere to such personne, as shall be therunto next presented, promoted, instituted, inducted, or admitted, and to his executours, towarde the payment of the firste fruites, to the kinges highnes, his heires and successours: Any vsage, custome, lyberte, priuilege, or prescription to the contrary had vsed or beinge in any wise notwithstandinge.

¶ AND IT IS also enacted by thauctorite aforesaid, that if any archebisshoppe, bisshoppe, archedeacon, ordynary, or any other personne or persones, to their vses and behoofe, at any tyme heretofore sythe the firste daye of May laste paste, haue perceyued, receiued, or taken, or at any time hereafter do perceyue, receyue, or take the fruites, tythes, obuentions, oblations, emolumentes, commodities, reuenues, rentes, aduauntages, profittes or casualties, commynge, growinge, or belongynge, or whiche hereafter shall comme growe appere or belonge to any archedeaconrye, deanrye, prebende, personage, vycarage, hospitall, wardeyneshippe, prouosteshippe, or other spirituall promotion, benefice, dignitie, or office (chauntries onelye excepted) within this realme or other the kinges dominions, durynge the vacation of suche archedeaconry, deanry prebende, personage, vycarage, hospitall, wardeyneshippe, prouosteshippe, or other spirituall promotion, benefice, dignitie, or office (chauntries onely excepted) And the same vpon reasonable requeste from henseforth to be made, doth not render, restore, Incumbent. satisfie, contente, and paye to the nexte Incumbent, beynge laufullye instituted, inducted, or admitted to suche archdeaconrye, deanrye, prebende, personage, or vycarage, or other promotion, benefice, dignitie, or office spirituall, excepte before excepted: or do let or interrupte the saide Incumbent to haue the same: that then euery archebisshop, bisshoppe, archedeacon, ordinarie, or other person so doinge, shall forfaite and lose the treble value of so much as he shall then haue receyued of the fruites of euery prebend, personage, vycarage, hospitall, wardeyneshippe, prouosteshippe, or other spirituall promotion, wherof he so shall perceyue, receyue, or deteyne, lette, or interrupte the Incumbent, to perceyue, receyue, and haue the fruites, tythes, obuentions, oblations, emolumentes, commodities, reuenues, rentes, aduantages, profittes, or casualties: The moytie of whiche forfayture shall be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other moytie therof to the Incumbent

cumbent of the same prebende, personage, or vicarage, or other spirituall promotion, to be recouered in any of the kinges courtes by action, bylle, playnte, informacion, or other wyse in which action or suite the defendante shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoine shal be vnto the defendaunte allowed.

¶ Prouided alway, that it shall be lefull to euery archebishop, bishop, archdeacon, and ordinary, their officers and ministers, to reteine in his or their custodie, so moche of the tithes, fruites, obuentions, oblations, emolumentes, commodities, aduauntages, rentes, reuenues, casualties, and profites, as shall amount to pay vnto such person or persons as hath or shall serue or kepe the cure of suche archedeaconry, deanry, prebende, personage, or vicarage, or other spirituall promotien, durynge the vacation, his or their resonable stypende, or salarie. And also for the collection gathering and leuieng of such tythes, fruites, emolumentes, rentes, and other profittes, sprynge and growing duryng the vacation aforesaid: any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng. Salary.

¶ Prouided also, and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that in case any of the incumbentes aforesaid, happen to dye, and before his death hath caused any of his glebe landes to be manured and sowen at his propre costes and charges with any corne or grayne: that then in that case all and euery of the same incumbentes may make and declare theyr testamentes of all the profites of the corne, growynge vpon the same glebe landes so manured and sowen: Any thynge conteyned in this presente acte in any wise notwithstandinge. Glebe landes.

¶ And where also before this tyme diuers and manye personnes, vicars, and other spirituall personnes, beynge seased, for terme of their lyues, of and in the saide spirituall promotions afore named, as well for greate summes of money to them before hande paide, as for other causes and considerations, haue let in ferme for terme of yeres, by sufficient writinges, their saide personages, vycarages, and other spirituall promotions, or part therof, vnto dyuers and many of the kynges subiectes, and after such leases by them so made, the leassours therof haue often tymes vsed to resigne their saide benefices or spirituall promotyons, so dempsed and letten in ferme: by reason of whiche resignation and other the actes of the said leassours, the saide benefices and other spirituall promotions haue ben voide, and the title and interestes of the said leasses, hath bene therby adnychylate, and of none effecte in the lawe, contrary to ryght and good conscience. For reformation wherof, and for a quietnesse the better hereafter to be had and contynued betweene the kinges subiectes. Be it enacted by auctorite of this presente parliament, that from the forsaide fyrste daye of Maye laste paste, no maner of suche lease by sufficient wrytinge heretofore made, nor hereafter to be made by any spirituall personne within this realme of Englande, Wales, or the marches of the same, to any lay personne, of any personage, vycarage, or other spirituall promotion aforesaide within this realme Leases. Personage or vycarage, let to ferme,

vpon which leasse the rent and seruices reserued, with other the yerly charges of the leasse, as in seruynge the cure and otherwyse, shall amount within foure shillinges by the yere, of as moche as the saide personage, vicarage, or other spirituall promotion aforesaide, so letten, is rated and valewed at, vpon the kynges bokes, for payinge the firste fruites, shall be adiuged voyde adnichilate or determyned, by reason of any suche resignation or other auoydance of the sayd benefice or spirituall promotion so letten by the onely acte of the saide leassour, but that euery such leassee or graunte of any such benefices or spirituall promotions aforesayde, their executours or assignes, shall haue and may enioye their termes and interesses of and in the same, for ꝑ terme of syxe yeres to be accompted next and immediately after the saide auoydance, yf the saide leassour doo so long lyue, and the lease so by him before made, do so longe contynue and indure. And that after such auoydaunce, the successour or successours of euery suche leassour, shall and may distreyne for the rent and seruices so reserued, and haue their actions of dette and all other aduantages by way of action entre or otherwyse, agaynst the saide lessee, his executours, or assignes, for recouerye of the saide rent and couenauntes vppon the said lease reserued, as the lessour therof myghte haue had, if no suche auoydance had ben had.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritie afore saide, that if hereafter it happen any such lessour to decease and dye before the ende of the terme by hym so made, and that there be one yere at leaste to come of the sayde terme: that then it shall be lawefull to the lessee therof, his executours or assignes, to holde and enioy their said leasse to thend of the same yere, wherin he is so entered at the time of his saide lessours death, if his saide lease do so longe continewe, bearinge and payenge vnto the successoure of euery suche lessour, all such rent and seruices, as for the remenaunte of the sayde yere, shall vpon euery suche lease be dewe: for the recouerie wherof the saide successour shall and maye haue all suche waies and aduauntages as before is limitted and gyuen to the successoure, where his predecessour maketh suche lease and resygneth.

Mansyon house of personage or vycarage.

¶ Prouided alway, that euery successour after the deth of his predecessour maye and shall haue vpon one monethes warnynge after the time of his induction, the mansyon house of euery such personage, vicarage, or other spirituall promotion aforesaide, with the glebe belonginge to the same not beinge sowen at the time of his said predecessours death, for mayntenaunce of his housholde, deductinge therfore in his rent as heretofore hath ben borne for the same, or as it is reasonably worth: any thinge in this said act conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

Fruites of vacation.

Curate.

¶ Prouided alway, that yf the fruites of the vacation of the saide spirituall promotions be not sufficient to pay the curates stypende and wages for seruyng the cure the vacation time, that then the same to be borne and paid by the nexte incumbent within .xiiii. dayes nexte after that he hath the possession of any of the saide promotions spirituall.

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¶An acte declarynge the lymittes of the kynges palayce of westmynster. Cap. xii.

FOR AS MOCHE AS THE KYNGES palayce at Westmynster, buylded and edyfyed there, before the tyme of mynde, by and nygh vnto the monasterie and abbey of sayne Peter of Westmynster, in the countie of Myddelsex, is and of longe tyme hath ben in bitter ruyne and decaye, And that our moste dread soureyne lorde kynge HENRY the eight, kynge of Englande and of Fraunce, defendour of the Faythe, lorde of Irelande, and Supreme head in erthe of the Churche of Englande, hath lately optey ned and pourchased one great mansion place and house, sometime parcel of the possessions and inheritance of the Archebishoprich of yorke, sytuate and beinge in the towne of westmynster, in the same countie, not moch distaunte from the same auncyent Palayce. And the kinges highnes nowe of late vppon the soyle of the said mansion place, and house, and vpon the grounde therevnto adioyninge, moste sumptuously and curiously hath builded and edified many and distincte beautyfulle costely and plesaunte lodgynges, buyldynges, and mansyons, for his graces syngular pleasure, comforte, and commodytie, to the greatte honour of his hyghnes and of his realme, and thereunto adioyninge hath made a Parke, walled and enuyronned with bryeke and stone, and therin hath deuysed and ordeyned many and syngular commodious thinges, pleasures, and other necessaries, most apte and conuenient to appertaine only to so noble a prince, for his singular comforte, passtime, and solace: Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that all the saide soyle grounde mansion and buyldinges, and the sayde parke, with all other thynges commodyties and plasures thervpon made buylded and deuysed, as is aforesaid, and also the soyle of the said auncient palaice, shalbe from henceforth ỹ kinges hole palaice at Westminster, and so to be taken demed reputed called & named the kinges palaice at westminster for euer. And that ỹ same palaice shall from henceforthe extende and be as well within the soyle and places aforesaid limited and appoynted for the same, as also in all the strete or waye ledinge from Charinge Crosse, vnto the seintuarie gate at westminster aforesaid, and in all the houses buyldinges landes and tenementes on both the sides of the same strete or way, from the said Crosse vnto westminster halle, situate lyinge or being betwene the water of the Thames of the easte part, and the saide parke walle of the weste parte, and so forthe throughe all the soyle precincte and limittes of the saide olde palays.

Kynges palayce at westminster.

¶AND THAT the saide palayce nowe made by the auctoritie of this acte, shal from henceforth haue and enioy within the precincte, limittes, and boundes before expressed and declared of and for the same, al such and like prerogatiues, lyberties, preemynences, iurisdyctions, and pryvyleges, as to the kynges auncyente palaice within this realme, haue at any tyme here-

tofore belonged vsed or of right apperteined. And that the same olde and aunciēt palace of westminster from hensforth be reputed demed and taken only as a mēbre & parcel of the said newe palaice, made by this act, as is aforesaid: any prescription recorde or vsage heretofore had vsed or allowed to the contrary notwithstanding. Sauinge to al and singular person and persons, bodies polyke and corporate, theyr heyres and successours, and euery of them, al such right title interest possession rentes reuertion remaindre distresse actiō lease leases graūtes annuities suites petitions and conditions, in such maner and fourme as they or any of them, their heires and successours, or the heires and successours of any of them, haue had, shulde, myghte, or ought to haue had in the premysses or any parcell therof, if this acte had neuer ben had ne made: any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this present act, nor any thing therin conteined, be in any wyse preiudicyall or hurtfull to Wyllyam Babyngton, keper of oure olde palaice of westmynster, his heires nor assignes, for or concerning his said office, but that it shall be lefull to the saide Wyllyam Babington, his heyres, and assignes, to haue holde, occupye, exercyse, and enioye the sayde office of keper of the sayde palaice at westmynster, with all comodities, profytes, aduauntages, and other emolumentes, rysynge or growinge of the same office, in as large and ample maner as if this presentt acte had not benne made: any thinge in this presente acte to the contrary heretofore not withstandynge.

¶ An acte compellynge spirituall persons to kepe residence vppon their benefices. Cap. xiii.

Where as in the parliament begonne at London, the their day of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reine of our soueraynе lord king Henry the. viii. and from thens adiorned and proroged to ẏ palaice of Westminster, the. xvii. daye of Decembre than nexte ensuinge, amongest other good actes and ordinances, then and there by the auctoritie of the sayde parlyament, it was establyshed, ordeyned, and enacted, that as wel euery spiritual person, then being promoted to any archdeconry deanry or dignitie in any monastery or cathedrall churche, or other churche conuentual or collegial or being beneficed with any personage or vicarage, as al and euery spiritual person & persons, which shuld after the feast of saint Mychaell tharchaungell, whiche was in the foresaide. xxi. yere of the reine of our saide soueraigne lorde kinge Henry the. viii. be promoted to any of the said dignities or benefices with any personage or vicarage, shuld from the saide feaste of sainte Mychaell tharchaungell, be personally residente and abydinge at and vpon his said dignitie prebende or benefice or at one of them at the least. And in case any such spiritual person, at any time after

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the saide feaste, kepte not residence at one of his said dignities preben de or benefices (as is afore said) but absent him selfe wilfully by the space of one moneth together, or by the space of two monethes, to be accompted at seuerall tymes in any one yere, and make his residence and abidinge in any other places by such tyme: that then he shall forfayte for euery such defaulte x.li. sterlynge, as in the same acte more playnely dothe appere. In whiche acte amonge other prouisions contained and specyfyed in the same, it was prouided, that the said acte of none residence shulde not in any wise extend ne be preiuditiall to any scholar or scholars, beinge conuersaunte and abidynge for studye without fraude or couyne at any vnyuersytie within this realme or withoute, as by the same prouysyon dothe also appere more at large. Sythens the makynge of whiche good acte and statute, dyuers and manye personnes, beinge benefyced with cure of soule (as is afore sayde) and beyng not apte to study, by reason of theyr age or other wyse, ne neuer entending before the making of the said act to trauaile in study within any of the saide vniuersities for the encrease of lerninge, but rather mynding & entending theyr owne ease, singuler lucre, & pleasure, by the same prouision colourably to defraude the same good statute, & ordinaunce, do dayly & cōmonly resorte and repayre to the said vniuersities of Oxen̄ and Cambrige and to either of them, where they vnder the said pretence and colour of study doth contynue and abyde, lyuinge dissolutely, nothing profitinge them selfes by study at all in lerning, but consume the time in ydelnes, and in other pastymes and insolente pleasures, giuinge occasion and euylle example therby to other yonge men and studentes within the said vnyuersities, lyttell or nothinge regardinge theyr cure and charge of sowle, contrarye to the mindes and entente of the makers of the foresaid good statute & ordenaunce. And also diuers and many old beneficed men haue & do continually remayne there, neuer exercisynge nor practisynge theyr lerninge, to the example of vertue and mayntenaunce of the common weale, in dyscharge of their conscience, according to theyr duetie, hauing neuertheles and occupieng such romes and commodities, as were institute and ordeined for the mayntenaunce & reliefe of poore scolers, to the great hinderance and detriment of the same. Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, with the assente of ẏ lordes spiritual and temporall, and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, that all and singular spirituall persone and persones, whiche nowe be or hereafter shall be to any benefice or benefices promoted as is aforesaid, being aboue the age of .xl. yeres, the chancellour, vychancellour, cōmissary of the said vniuersities, or any of them, wardens, deanes, prouostes, presidentes, rectours, masters, principals and other head rulers of colleges, halles, and other houses or places corporate, within the said vniuersities, or any of them, doctors of the chaire, reders of diuinitie in the comon scholes of diuinitie, in any of ẏ said vniuersities onely excepted, shalbe residēt & abiding at & vpon one of their said benefices, according to the entent & true meaninge of the sayd former act, vpon such peyne and

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penalties as be conteyned in the saide former acte, made and apoynted for such beneficed persons for theyr none residence. And that none of the saide beneficed persons, being aboue the age aforesaid, except before except, shall from henssforth be excused of theyr none residence vpon the saide benefices, for that they be studentes or resiaunt within the said vniuersities or any of them, any prouiso, or any other clause or sentence specyfyed or conteyned in the said former acte of none residence, or any other thinge or thinges to the contrary hereof in any wyse not withstandinge.

¶ And ouer this be it enacted by thauctoritie beforesaid, that al and singular such beneficed persons being vnder the age of .xl. yeres, resiante and abiding within the said vniuersities, or any of them, shall not enioye the priuilege & libertie of none residence conteined in the prouiso of ꝑ said former act, made for the scholars & studentes of the said vniuersities or any of thē, onelesse he or they be present at the ordinary lecture and lectures, as well at home in theyr houses as in the cōmon schole or scholes, and in theyr propre persons kepe sophemes, problemes, disputatiōs, and other exercises of lerninge, and be apponente and respondent in the same, according to the ordynances and statutes of eyther of the said vniuersities, where he or they shal be so abydinge or resiaunt, any thynge conteyned in the said prouiso or former acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte shall begynne to take effecte at the feaste of saynct Mighel tharchaungell nexte comynge, and not before.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte, nor any thinge therin conteyned, shal extende to any person or persons, which nowe is or hereafter shall be readers of any publique or common lecture in diuynitie, lawe cyuile, phisyke, philosophy, humanitie, or of any of the lyberall sciences, or publyke or cōmon interpretours, or techers of the Ebrew tong, Caldey, or Greke, in what so euer college or place of any of the saide vniuersities the said persons for the tyme beinge, shal rede the saide cōmon or publique lectures: Nor yet to any person or persons, which after or about the age of .xl. yeres, which shall resorte to any of the said vniuersities to procede doctours in diuinitie, lawe ciuile, or phisike, for the tyme of their saide procedinges, and executynge of suche sermons dispucions or lectures, which they be bound by the statutes of the vniuersities there to do for the sayde degrees so obteyned.

Readers of Publique, Lectures.

¶ An acte lymyttinge the prices of wynes. Cap. xiiii.

Price of wines.

BE it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that no person or persons shal sell any Gascoyne Guyon or Frenche wynes aboue .viii. d. the galon, that is to saye, a pynte the pynte .ii. d. the quarte .iiii. pence the potel, and .viii. pence the galon, vpon payne of forfaiture for euery pinte to be sold aboue the said price .iiii. d. and for euery quarte sold aboue the sayd price .viii. d. and for euery pottel so solde aboue the said price

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xii.d. And for euery galon so solde aboue the saide price afore limitted.ii.s. And that no Malmeseys, romneys, sackes, nor other swete wynes, shall be solde by retayle aboue.xii.d. the galō.vi.d. the potel.iii.d. the quarte, and.i.d.ob. the pynte, vppon peyne to lose and forfayte.iii.s.iiii.d. for euerye galon.xx.d. for euery potell.xii.d. for euery quarte, and.vi.d. for euery pynte that shall be solde contrary to this acte.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that the lorde Chancellour, lorde Treasourer, lorde President of the kynges most honourable counsayle, lord Priuie seale, and the two chiefe Justices of eyther benche, or.v.iiii.or.iii. of them, shal haue power and auctoritie by theyr dyscretyons, to sette the prices of all kinde of wynes, that is to saye, of the pryces of the butte, tonne, pype, hogges head, poncheon. teers, barrell, or rundelet, when it shall be solde in grosse, so that they or any of them cause the prices by them set to be written, and open proclamation therof to be made in the kynges courte of Chancery openly in the terme tyme, or elles, in the cytie borough or towne, where any such wynes shall be solde in grosse: any thynge conteyned in this acte to the contrarye hereof not withstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted, that if any person or persons, after such prices be set and put in writinge by the said lord Chauncellour, lord Treasourer, lorde President of the kinges most honorable counsaile, lord Priuie seale, and the.ii. chiefe iustices, or by.v.iiii.or.iii. of them, and proclamation ther of hadde (as is afore saide) do sell any wines in grosse by any fraude or couyn, contrary to the said prices so sette and proclaimed: that thenne euery offendour in that behalfe shall lose and forfayte for euery vesselle by them solde in grosse contrary to the said prices.xl.s. the one halfe of al which forfaitures, to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe ther of, if it be within any cytie borowghe or towne corporate, to be to the mayres, shireffes, bailiues, or other head rulers of such cities boroughes or townes corporate. And if it be without citie, borough, or towne corporate, then to be to suche of the kinges subiectes as wyll sewe for the same. And that euery suche forfaiture shall be recouered by originall writte of det, byll, plaint, or information, In whiche suyte no wager of lawe shall be admitted, nor any protection or essoyne allowed. Wines solde in grosse.

¶ And it is also enacted, that the Justices of peace in euery shyre of this present realme, and all maires shereues bailyues and other head officers in cyties boroughes and townes corporate, that is to saye, euery of them win the limitties of theyr cōmissions and auctorities, as well within fraunchesses as without, shal haue power and auctoritie to examine here inquire and determine the defautes of such as shal attempte to sell any wines in grose or by retayle contrary to this act, and to punyshe the offendours by imprysonment or other wyse by theyr discretions. Justices of peace. Head officers.

¶ And where as in the parlyament holden at westmynster in the fyrst yere of the reigne of kinge Rycharde the thyrde, amonge other thinges it was establyshed, ordeyned, and enacted, that euery tonne of wine shuld conteine Tonne of wyne.

CClii. galons, euerye butte of Malmesey shoulde conteyne. Crrbi. galons, euery pype. Crrvi. galons, euery tercyan or poncheon. lxxxiiii. galons, euery hogges head. lxiii. galons, euery teerce. xli. galons, and euery barrel. xxxi. galons, and di. & euery roudelette. xbiii. galons, and di. And that no vessell shulde be putte to sale, tille it were gauged, vppon peyne of forfayture, as by the same statute it doth appere more at large. Neuer the lesse great dyscepte is dayely vsed in sellinge of wines and oyles in caskes and vesselles, not bearinge the contentes aboue limitted, to the great losse of the kinges poore subiectes. For remedye wherof, it is enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parliament, that the saide estatute made in the fyfte pere of kynge Rycharde the third, and al other estatutes heretofore made for trewe gaugynge and measuringe of wines, oyles, hony, or any other lycours, whiche estatutes afore this tyme be not repelled nor expyred, shall stande in theyr strength and vertue, and be put in due execution, accordyng to theyr tenors and effectes in euery behalfe.

Gaugynge of wynes and other licours.

CAND ouer that be it enacted by auctoritie of this presente parlyament, that euery gauger within this realme shall trewelye and effectually within the limittes of his office, gauge all the saide tonnes, buttes, pipes, terses, poncheons, tercyans, barrelles, hogges head, and rundlettes, and shall playnely and trewly make vppon the head of euerye suche vessell the content of the same, vppon peine to forfaite to the partie, to whose vse the wine oyle or other thynge therin beinge shall be sold, foure tymes the value of that that ỹ vessell so marked shall lacke of his laufull contente aboue writen: the same forfayture to be recouered ouer and besydes the costes of the suite, by the kinges originall writte, or by byll in any of the kinges courtes of his common lawes, or in any competente courte, haynge iurisdyction in the place, where that offence shal be committed, by action or bill of dette, in which action or suite, none essoyn, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe accepted admitted or allowed to the defendant or defendantes. And that euerye marchaunte or other persone, sellinge the saide wine, oyle, or other thynge conteyned in the said vessell marked, shall allowe of the price therof to the byer of the same, for euery quantitie of wine, oyle, or other thynge conteyned in the saide marked vessell, the ful valewe of the lacke therof, beynge by reason of defaute of full gauge of the vessell, marked, or of defaute of fyllynge of the same vessell, or by reason of defaute of any of them, after the rate of the hole price of the wine, oyle, or other thinge, so beynge solde by that vessell marked: and that vpon peyne of forfayture to the same byer the dowble value of the same vessell and wine, oyle, or other thynge therin beynge so solde: the same forfayture to be recouered to gether with the costes of the suyte, in maner and fourme as the forfayture laste before writen is symytted to be recouered.

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¶ An Acte for punyshement of pyrates and robbers on the sea. Capit. xb

Where traytours, pirotes, theues, robbers, murtherers, and confederatours vpon the sea, many tymes escape vnpunisshed, bicause the triall of their offences hath herctofore ben ordered, iudged, and determined before the Admiral, or his lieutenaunt or commissarie, after the course of the ciuile lawes, the nature wherof is, that before any iugement of deth came be yeuen agaynst the offendours, eyther they must playnely confesse their offences (which they will neuer do, without torture or peynes) or elles their offences be so playnely and directly proued by witnesse indifferente, such as sawe their offences committed, whiche canne not be gotten, but by chaunce at fewe times, bycause such offendours commytte their offences vpon the sea, and at many times murder and kylle such personnes, beynge in the shippe or bote, where they committe their offences, whiche shoulde wytnesse ayenst them in that behalfe: and also suche as shuld beare witnes be commonlye marryners and shipemen, whiche bycause of their often viages and passages in the seas, depart without longe tarienge and protraction of time, to the great costes and charges, as well of the kinges highnes as suche as wolde pursue such offendours. For reformation wherof, be it enacted by the auctorytie of this present parliament, that all treasons, felonies, robberies, murders, and confederacies hereafter to be commited in or vpon the sea, or in any other hauen riuer, creke, or place, where the admyral or admiralles haue or pretend to haue power auctorytie or iurisdiction, shal be inquired tried harde determyned and iudged in such shyres & places in the realme, as shall be limitted by the kynges commission or comissions to be directed for the same, in like fourme and condition, as if any such offence or offences had ben committed or done in or vpon the lande, and such commissions shalbe had vnder the kynges great seale, directed to the Admirall or admiralles, or to his or to their lieutenaunt deputie & deputies, and to iii. or iiii. such other substantiall personnes, as shall be named or appoynted by the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, for the time beynge, from tyme to tyme, and as ofte as nede shall requyre, to here and determine suche offences, after the common course of the lawes of this lande, vsed for treasones, felonies, robberies, murders, and confederacies of the same done and committed vpon the lande within this realme.

Pyrates.

Admyrall

Robbers of the sea.

Chauncellour of England.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctorytie afore saide, that suche personnes, to whom suche commission or commissions shall be directed, or iiii. of theym at the least, shall haue full power and auctorytie to enquere of such offences and of euery of them, by the othes of twelue good and lawful inhabitantes in the shire, limitted in their commission: in suche like maner and forme, as if suche offences hadde benne committed vpon the lande within the same shyre. And that euery inditement founde and presented before such

commissioners of any treasons, felonies, robberies, murders manslaughters, or such other offences, committed or done, in or vpon the seas, or in or vpon any other hauen ryuer or creke, shalbe good and effectual in the lawe. And if any person or persons happe to be indited for any such offence done or hereafter to be done vpon the seas, or in any other places aboue limitted, that then such orders proces iudgement & execution shal be vsed had done and made to and agaynst euery such person and persons, so beinge indicted as agaynste traytours, felons, and murderers, for treason, felony, robbery, murder or other such offences done vpon the lande, as by the lawes of the realme is accustomed. And that the triall of such offence or offences, if it be denyed by the offendour or offendours, shalbe had by twelue lauful men, inhabited in the shire limitted within such commission, whiche shall be directed as is aforesayde, and no chalenge or chalenges to be had for the hundred. And such as shall be conuicte of any such offence or offences, by verditte confession or proces, by auctorite of any suche commission, shall haue and suffre suche peynes of death, losses of landes goodes & cattalles, as if they had ben attaynted and conuicted of any treasons, felonies, robberies or other the said offences, done vpon the landes.

Chalenge.

¶ And be it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that for treasons robberies felonies murders & confederacies, done vpon the sea or seas, or in any place aboue rehersed, the offendours shal not be admitted to haue the benefite of his or their clergie, but be vtterly excluded therof and from the same, and also of the priuilege of any sainctuary.

Clergy. Sainctuary.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte extende not to be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons for taking any vittaile, gables, ropes, ankers, or sayles, whiche any such person or persons (compelled by necessitie) taketh of or in any shippe, which may conueniently spare the same, so the same persone or persones pay out of hande for the same vittaile, gables, ropes, ankers, or sayles money or money worth, to the value of the thinge so taken, or to deliuer for the same a sufficient bill obligatorie to be payde in forme folowing, That is to say: if the taking of the same thinges be on this side the straytes of Marroke, then to be paide within .iiii. monethes. And if it be beyonde the saide straites of Marroke, then to be payde within .xii. monethes next ensuynge the makyng of such billes. And that the makers of suche billes well and truely paye the same dette at the daye to be limitted within the said billes.

Straites of Marrocke.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that whanne so euer any suche commission for the punyshement of the offences aforesaide, or of any of them, shall be directed or sent to any place within the iurisdiction of the fyue portes, that then the rye such commission shall be directed vnto the lorde wardayne of the fyue portes for the time beinge, or to his deputie, and vnto thre or foure such other person or persons, as the lorde chauncellour for the tyme beynge shall name and appointe: Any thynge in this present acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

Fyue portes.

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Prouided alway, that whan so euer any commission shal be directed vnto the fiue portes, for the inquisition and trialles of any the offences expressed in this acte, that euery such inquisition and triall to be hadde by vertue of such commission shalbe made and had by the inhabitantes in the saide fiue portes or the membres of the same: any thing in this act to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

An acte for the release of such as haue obteyned pretended lycences and dispensations from the see of Rome. Capi. xvi.

Where the bisshoppe of Rome and his predecessours, of his and their couetous and ambitious myndes, to thentent to aduaunce and enriche them selfes and the see of Rome, to the greate empouerisshynge of this realme of Englande, and other the kynges dominyons, contrary to goddes lawes, the lawes and statutes of this realme, and in derogation of the imperiall crowne of this sayde realme, haue heretofore wrongefully pretended, extorted, vsed, and exercised within the same diuers and many vsurped powers, iurisdictions, and auctorities, durynge and by the which tyme the sayd bysshoppe and his predecessours, arrogantly and iniustly haue taken vpon them for great summes of money and other profittes to them giuen, to graūt vnto the kynges subiectes, and other inhabitauntes within this realme, and other the kinges dominions, many diuers & sundry auctorities immunities faculties priuileges lycences indulgences and preeminences, of diuers kindes natures and qualities: which all thoughe they proceded by an iniuste and vsurped auctorytie, haue bene vnto nowe of late by the subiectes of this realme temerously and ignorauntly accepted receyued vsed & erronyously put in exercise and execution: the which vsurped auctoritie iurisdiction and power is nowe iustely trulye and ought to be clerely and absolutely extynguysshed extirped and abolysshed within this realme and other the kynges dompnions. And for as moch as all and euery such person and persons bodies polytyke and corporate, which vnlawefully and without any maner of auctoritie or iuste grounde, heretofore haue temerously and ignorantly accepted receyued vsed & erroniously put in execution and exercise the said faculties immunities auctorities priuileges lycences indulgences and preeminences, haue nowe sincere pure and perfite intelligence and knowlege of the said vsurped auctoritie iurisdiction and power. And that the said faculties, auctorities, priuileges, licences, and indulgences, so as is aforesaide accepted receyued vsed and erroniously exercised, were & ben to all intentes and purposes clere ly voyde frustrate and of none effecte. All be it if they shulde be impeached or interrupted of such priuileges liberties preeminēces auctorities iurisdictions profittes and other commodities, which they now haue vse and exercise by colour of such vayne and voyde licences dispensations and faculties

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ties, it shulde be to their intollerable inquietations and bitter vndoynge. Wherfore be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that al bulles. Breues. Faculties. Dyspensatyons. bulles breues faculties and dispensations, of what names natures or qualyties so euer they be of, heretofore had or optayned of the bisshoppe of Rome, or of any his predecessours, or by the auctorite of the see of Rome, by or to any subiectes resiantes or bodies politike or corporate of or in this realme, or of or in any other the kinges dominions, shall from henceforth be clerely voyde and of no value force strength nor vertue, and shall neuer here after be vsed admitted allowed pleaded or alleged in any places or courtes of this realme, or of any other the kinges dominions, vpon the peynes contey ned in the statute of prouision and premunire, made in the .xvi. yere of the reigne of king Richarde the seconde. Yet not withstandinge at the moste humble petition and intercession of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, it maye please the kinges maiestie, of his moste gratious benignitie, goodnes and vertuous disposition, that it maye be enacted by auctorite of this parliament, that al mariages had and solempnised within this realme, or in any other the kinges Marryages. dominions, before the thirde day of Nouember, in the .xxvi. yere of the kinges moste gratious reigne, wherof there is no deuorce or separation had by the ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme, & which mariages be not prohibited by goddes lawes, limitted and declared in the act made in this present parlyament for the establishement of the kinges succession, or otherwyse by holy scripture, shall be by auctorite of this present parliament good laufull and effectual, and shalbe from the beginning of such mariages reputed estemed taken adiudged receyued approued & allowed by the auctorite of this present parliament, to al and singular purposes effectes and ententes, as good as sufficient and as vayleable, as though no impediment of matrymony had euer ben betwene them that haue contracted and solempnised such mariages: And that all children procreated and to be procreated in and vnder such mariages, shall be laufull to all intentes and purposes.

Archebishoppes, and bysshoppes. ¶ And that it may be also enacted by the auctorite of this present parlyament, that all archebisshoppes and bisshoppes of this realme, or of any the kynges dominions consecrated, and at this present time taken and reputed for archebisshops and bisshops, may by auctorite of this present parlyament, and not by vertue of any prouisiō or other forayne auctorite licence facultie or dispensation, kepe, enioy, and reteyn their archebisshoprikes & bysshoprikes, in as large & ample maner, as if they had ben promoted elected confirmed & consecrated, according to the dewe course of the lawes of this realme. And that euery archebysshoppe and bysshoppe of this realme, and of other the kinges dominions, may minister vse and exercise all and euery thyng and thinges, perteyning to thoffice or order of an archebisshop & bysshop, with al tokens insignes and ceremonies therunto laufully belonging. And that al ecclesiasticall persons of the kinges realme & dominions, which at this time be taken had and reputed for abbottes priours, abbasses, prio-

relles, and other heades of religion (whiche be not nother shall be excluded from their dignities by the late acte of suppression) and the religious persons lyuinge vnder their obedience, and all persons now taken and reputed as maysters presidentes pronostes and wardeynes of cathedrall churches and colleges, with the companies and felowshippes of the same, al prestes and clerkes, which haue receyued any of the ecclesiasticall ordres, all archedeacons and deanes, and other hauynge offices cures and dignities spirituall, may by auctorite of this act, and not by the vertue of any forein power or auctorite, administer vse and exercise all thinges perteininge to their dignities offices ordres cures religions and felowshippes, and maye laufully hereafter vse al tokens insignes, and ceremonies, which they haue ben accustomed to vse in times paste (so it be not expressly agaynst the lawes of god and this realme) any thing or thinges conteyned in any act or actes made sithen the beginninge of this present parliament to the contrary of any the premisses in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And where diuers and many of the kinges said subiectes haue purchased and obteyned many dispensations bulles breues and faculties of the bishoppe of Rome for the tyme beynge, or by auctorite of the see of Rome, as pluralities, vnyons, trialities, appropriations, commendams, exemptions, and other bulles breues and faculties, for diuers causes and matters, other than be afore expressed, which be of no strength or vertue: it may therfore please the kynges maiestie, that it may be enacted by auctorite afore saide, that all and euery his said subiectes durynge the time of one hole yere next after the feast of saincte Michaell the archaungell nexte comminge, maye enioy vse and haue by auctorite of this present acte, and not by the vertue of the said bulles breues and faculties, al & euery the effectes conteyned & specified in such bulles breues and faculties, in all such cases onely as may be dispensed with by the archebishoppe of Canturbury, by auctorite of the lawes and statutes of this realme.

¶ And that it maye be further enacted by auctorite afore saide, that all and euery the kinges said subiectes, byyngyng rendrynge and deliuerynge to such persons of his counsell, or of the maisters of his chancery, as the kinges highnes shall name and appoynt, any bulles breues or any other faculties concerninge any the premisses: that then if it shall appere to such persons as the kinges highnes shall so name and appoynt to receyue such bulles faculties and breues, after dewe examination therof had, that the effectes conteyned and specified in such bulles faculties and breues or any part therof, maye be laufully graunted by the saide archebyshoppe, of Canturbury, by auctorite of the lawes and statutes of this realme: that then & in euery such case the kinges saide subiectes, makinge humble suite to haue the effectes conteyned in the said bulles breues and faculties to be granted vnto them, shall haue receyue and obteyne of the chauncellour of Englande or keper of the great seale for the time beinge, by sufficient writing in dewe fourme to be made, and to be sealed vnder the kinges great seale, all and euery

Chauncellor of England.

uery such effectes conteyned and specified in such bulles brefues and facul-
Archebishop of Cant. tues, as may be lawfully graunted by the sayde archebisshoppe of Canter-
bury, by auctozitie of the lawes and statutes of this realme, paying onelye
foz the sealinge of euery such writinge.xx.s.iiii.d. And ouer that foz the
reasonable costes foz peynes of the writinge therof .iii.s.iiii.d. and not a-
boue, and foz the peyne taken foz dewe erampnation of euery suche bulles
brefues and faculties.iii.s.iiii.d. and not aboue. And that this present acte
shalbe sufficient and immediate warrant to the chancellour oz keper of the
greate seale, foz thensealing and deliuerie of such licences faculties dispen-
sations and other writinges, which shall be made graunted and sealed vn-
der the kinges greate seale by vertue and auctozitie of this acte.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctozitie afoze sayd, that all and euery suche
lycence dispensation faculitie confirmation oz other writing, to be had made
oz graunted vnder the kinges great seale out of the said court of chauncery
by auctozitie of this acte, in fourme as is aboue rehersed, shall be good and
effectuall to the saide parties suing foz the same, accozding to the tenoz and
effectes therof, and shall be admitted, accepted, and allowed in all courtes
and places of this realme, and in all other the kinges dominions: any vs-
sage, prescription, fozeyne lawes, customes, oz ozdynaunce to the contrary
therof notwithstandinge.

¶ An acte giuinge auctozitie to suche as shall succede to the crowne of this realme, whan they come to the age of.xxiiii.peres to make frustrate such actes as shall be made afoze in their time. Capitulo.xvii.

FOz as moche as lawes and statutes may happen hereaf-
ter to be made within this realme, at parlyamentes hol-
den at such time as the kinges of the same shall happen
to be within age, haupnge small knowledge and experi-
ence of their affaires, to the great hynderance and dero-
gation of the imperiall crowne of this realme, and to
the vniuersall damage of the common welthe of the sub-
iectes of the same, Be it therfoze enacted by auctozitie of this present par-
lyament, that if the imperiall crowne of this realme, after the decealle of
the kynges moofte royall maiestie (whose lyfe our lozde longe preserue) de-
scende, comme, oz remayne, to the heires of oure saide soueraigne lozde, oz
to any persone to be limitted by his highnes, as of very right it muste and
Actes of parlyament. ought to do, accozding to the lawes of this realme established foz the same,
the saide heires oz suche persoune beinge within the age of.xxiiii.peres, and
that then any acte oz actes of parliament shall happen to be made and esta-
blyshed in any parliament, that then shall be holden, befoze suche heyre oz
heires person oz personcs then being in possession of the said crowne, shall
be of their full ages of.xxiiii.peres: that then euery such heire oz heires of

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our saide soueraigne lorde, or such persone so possessed of the crowne, and beinge within the same age of .xxiiii. yeres, shall haue full power and auctorite at all tymes after they shall come to their saide full ages of xxiiii. yeres, by their letters patentes, vnder the greate seale of Englande, to revoke, adnulle, and repeale all and synguler suche actes made and established by their royall assentes in any parlyament holden during the time that they were within their saide age of .xxiiii. yeres, their royall assentes hadde to the same, duringe the tyme that they were within the said age of xxiiii. yeres, or any acte or actes hereafter to be made to the contrary therof notwithstandinge. Letters patentes. Revocation of actes.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that euery such repeale adnullation and revocation of any acte or actes, that shalbe made and established in any parlyament, holden before the time that such heires or person, possessed of the crowne, shall be of the saide age of .xxiiii. yeres, shall be as good and effectuall to al intentes and purposes, as though it had ben done by auctorite of parlyament.

¶ An acte concerning treason in certayne cases. Cap. xviii.

BE it enacted by auctorite of this present parliamẽt, that if any man, of what estate, degree, or cõdition so euer he be, at any time hereafter, take vpon him to espouse, mary, or take to his wyfe any of the kynges childre, being laufully borne or otherwise, commonly reputed or take for his children, or any of the kynges systers or auntes of the part of ꝑ father or any the laufull childre of ꝑ kinges brethren or sisters, or contract mariage with any of them, without the especiall licence assent consent & agrement first therevnto had and obteined of the kinges highnes in writinge vnder his gracis great seale, or defyle or deflour any of the not beinge maryed, shall be demed and adiuged a traitour to the king and to his realme. And that euery suche offence here after to be done made or perpetrated, contrary to this acte, shall be adiudged and demed to be highe treason. Treason. And that euery man so offendinge, and their abettours, procuters, comforters, counsaylours, and ayders, being laufully conuycte of any suche offence accordinge to the lawes of this realme, shal haue and suffre such and like peines and execution of death, losses of priuileges of sainctuary and forfaytures of landes tenementes and hereditamentes to al intentes and purposes, as in cases of high treason appertayneth. Sauynge to all and euery person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successours, and to the heires and successours of euery of them, other thã the lord Thomas Howarde, and his heires, and all other persons, which shall fortune hereafter to be attainted by auctorite of this acte, and their heires and euery of them all suche right, title, interesse, possession, leases, annuities, rentes, seruices, reuercions, remaynders, offices, fees, commons, conditi-

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ons & other commodities profites & hereditamentes, in such maner fourme qualitie & condition, as they or any of them haue had, shuld or mighte haue had, if this acte had neuer ben had nor made: Any thing in this present act to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that in euery suche case before rehersed, the woman after the laste day of this parlyament so offendynge, beinge within the degrees before specified, shall incurre like daunger and penalte as is before limitted, and shall suffre suche lyke dethe and punysshemente, as is before appoynted to the man offendyng in maner and fourme expressed in this acte.

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